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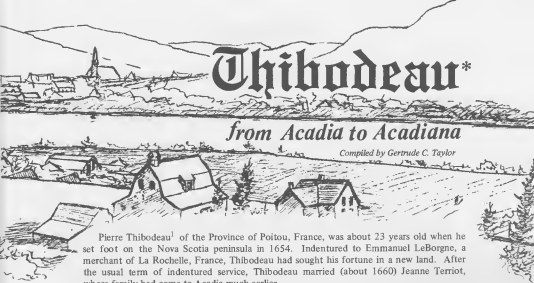


JEAN-TREVILLE THIBODEAUX



MARIE ASPASIE LEBLANC

Jean-Treville Thibodeaux, great, great-grandson of Pierre Thibodeau of Acadia, was born on his father's plantation on the east side of Bayou Teche between present-day Parks and Breau Bridge on March 12, 1811. On February 24, 1829, he married Marie Aspasia Leblanc, daughter of Sylvestre Leblanc and Perosine Duhon. Jean-Treville died June 25, 1891. (Photos courtesy Miss Jeanne Castille)



# Thibodeau\*

## from Acadia to Acadiana

Compiled by Gertrude C. Taylor

Pierre Thibodeau<sup>1</sup> of the Province of Poitou, France, was about 23 years old when he set foot on the Nova Scotia peninsula in 1654. Indentured to Emmanuel LeBorgne, a merchant of La Rochelle, France, Thibodeau had sought his fortune in a new land. After the usual term of indentured service, Thibodeau married (about 1660) Jeanne Terriot, whose family had come to Acadia much earlier.

The census of 1671 lists Thibodeau, now removed from Port Royal to Pré Ronde, as a ploughsman. Then age 40, he was the father of five daughters and a son. In time he added a gristmill to his marshland farm and a sawmill to his brookside holdings, and his family grew to 16 children, seven sons and nine daughters. Three of his daughters bore the name "Marie," and two of his sons were "Pierre," the elder being "l'aîné," and the younger, the fourth son and tenth child, was "le jeune."

In 1698, Pierre Thibodeau, then 68 years old and known as the miller of Pré Ronde, began his settlement at Chipoudy, one which flourished beyond his death and until the fateful year of 1755.

Pierre Thibodeau died Dec. 24, 1704. In time, his 16 children accorded him a posterity of 159 grandchildren, more than half of whom were descendant of the seven Thibodeau brothers. It was this generation that witnessed that cataclysmic event known as the *Grand Derangement* or Deportation of the Acadians. And it was the children and grandchildren of four of the seven sons—Pierre L'Aîné, Pierre Le Jeune, Michel, and Charles—who found their way to Louisiana, eventually settling in the Bayou Lafourche area and at the Opelousas and Attakapas posts.

\*Information on the Thibodeau family in Acadia was drawn from the book and genealogical compilation entitled *Thibodeau*, published for the Thibodeau reunion held in Madawaska, Maine, June 19, 1984. For the use of this book, we are indebted to Lloyd Thibodeaux of New Iberia, who attended this reunion as a descendant of Charles Thibodeau, youngest son of Pierre Thibodeau and Jeanne Terriot. Except for the descendants of Pierre Thibodeau L'Aîné, information on the other Thibodeaux was drawn, for the greater part, from D. J. Hebert, *Southwest Louisiana Records*.

The following genealogical compilation includes only the males, who outnumber the females by about three to one. Inter-marriage, however, introduces a number of females throughout the several generations.

The compiler of this genealogy is aware that it is far from complete, (To complete such a work would require several years.) that there are many omissions, and that there may be errors caused by repetition of given names throughout the family branches and the changing of given names in church and legal records. The compiler hopes, however, that from this meager genealogy the many descendants of those listed will be able to place themselves among the branches of this broad and sturdy family tree.

1. The name first appears spelled "Thibodeau." After the arrival of the Acadians in Louisiana the spelling varied, sometime being *Thibodeau*, *Thibodu*, *Thibaud*, *Thibadeaux*, *Thibodo*, *Tibodo*, *Thibudo*, *Thibodau*, *Thibodaut*, and *Thibodeux*. Except in the case of Henry Schuyler Thibodeaux and the town he founded, the name seems to have been standardized as *Thibodeaux* in the early nineteenth century.

SOLO

THEBODEAU SONG

CHANSON DES THEBODEAU

Berthe Thibodeau Gogan  
On the tune of "Measure to Dance"

I el ras-sem-ble's AC ceuil lous a m te-Te tous les Thi-bo-deau  
Here we are To-gether To ho-nor the Thi-bo-deaus. The young and the old

NOUS AU TOUS du bon Temps.  
Let's ALL have a good Time

CHOEUR  
SINGING ET DANSEZ EN BONNE FRANQUELITE LOIN ou PRÈS vous SA LUONS  
AND DANCING AND RE-JOI-CING, NEAR AND FAR we Welcome you.

SON-R'IEZ, AGLA-MEZ, Le cœur en fête NOUS SOMME'S Fiers d'être Thi-bo-deau.  
Hearts are filled With Joy AND Laughter, since we're Proud to be Thi-bo-deaus

### DESCENDANTS OF PIERRE THIBODEAU L'AINÉ

I. Pierre Thibodeau l'ainé, b. 167 , d. (1723? ), resident of Pisiquid. m. ca. 1690 Anne Bourg, b. 1668, d/o Jean Bourg and Marguerite Martin.

A. Alexis, b. 1715.

m. 1st., 1750, Marie Blanchard.

m. 2nd., Feb. 17, 1762 (Philadelphia), Catherine Leblanc.

1. Henry Schuyler, b. 1769, d. 1827, founder of Thibodaux, La., m. 1st., May 7, 1793, Terrebonne Parish, Felicite Bonvillain, d/o Jacques Bonvillain and Charlotte St. Ives.

a. Aubin

m. Eugenie Hebert.

b. Leander

m. 1st., Adelaide Bergeron.

m. 2nd., Josephine Bonvillain.

m. 2nd., June 3, 1800 (St. Joseph's Church, Baton Rouge), Bridget Belanger.

c. Henry Claiborne

m. Mathilda Touns.

d. Henry Michael

m. Marie Rosalie Hymel.

## DESCENDANTS OF PIERRE THIBODEAU LE JEUNE

II. Pierre Thibodeau, b. 1676, resident of Port Royal, 1706-11; Rivière aux Canards, 1711-16; Port Royal, 1716-27; Chipoudy, 1727. m. Nov. 25, 1706, Marie Anne Aucoin, d/o Martin Aucoin and Marie Gaudet.

A. Paul, b. 1708.

m. 1737 Marguerite Trahan, d/o Alexandre Trahan and Marie Pellerin.

1. Pierre, b. 1740.

m. 1760 Françoise Saunier.

Pierre Thibodeaux settled in the Bayou Bourbeux area of Township 7S., Range 4E. March 4, 1776, he received a Spanish grant of a tract of land 4 arpents front by 40 arpents depth. His neighbors were the Richards, Bourques, and Sauniers.

a. Pierre-Cyrille, b. 1765.

m. June 15, 1790 (Opel. ch: v. 1, p. 30) Anne Adelaide Chaisson of Pitou, d/o Basile Chaisson and Monique Comeau.

(1) Cyrille, b. 1794.

m. June 17, 1817 (Opel. ch: v. 1, p. 304) Suzanne Pariseau, d/o Pierre Pariseau and Pelagie Belard.

(a) Louis

m. June 11, 1844 (Opel. Ct. Hse., no. 135), Zellma Richard, d/o Pierre Richard and Selesie Thibodeaux.

(2) Sylvestre, b. 1795, bt. Nov. 20, 1802, age 7 years (Opel. ch: v. 1, p. 197).

m. 1st. Nov. 3, 1831 (Opel. ch: v. 2, p. 19), Scholastie (Pariseau?).

(a) Pierre

m. July 23, 1866 (Opel. ch: v. D, no. 219), Eloise Roy, d/o Michel Roy and Elsyère Marcantel.

m. 2nd., Jan. 18, 1836 (GCch: v.2, p. 86), Celeste Doucet, wid/o Louis Carrier.

(b) Sylvere, b. Sept. 4, 1837 (GCch: v. 1, p. 143).

m. Dec. 1, 1856 (Opel. ch: v. C-2, no. 93), Azelie Bihm, d/o Michel Bihm and Azellus Laval.

(c) Théodule, b. June 22, 1838 (GCch: v. 1, p. 148).

m. May 18, 1857 (GCch: v. 3, p. 91), Philomène Latiolais, d/o Esteve Latiolais and Erasie Breaud.

(3) Placide, b. 1802.

m. Nov. 20, 1820 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 17), Marie Caroline Bernard, d/o Jean-Louis Bernard and Aspasia Dugas.

b. Pierre, b. 1776.

m. Jan. 8, 1798 (Opel. ch: v. 1, p. 78), Marguerite Richard, d/o Victor Richard and Marie Brasseur.

(1) Baptiste

m. July 30, 1816 (Opel. ch: v. 1, p. 287), Marie Zélie Richard, d/o Philip Richard and Eugénie Lavergne.

(2) Hypolite, b. Jan. 10, 1805 (Opel. ch: v. 1, p. 363).

m. July 6, 1824 (Opel. ch: v. 1, p. 423), Arsène Breaux, d/o Étienne Breaux and Françoise Richard.

(3) Pierre

m. Feb. 23, 1829 (Opel. ch: v. 1, p. 534) Marguerite Wood, d/o William Wood and Marguerite Brasseur.

(a) Pierre

m. Jan. 7, 1856 (GCch: v. 2, no. 80) Anais Amélie Cormier, d/o Maxille Cormier and Marie Melanie Broussard.

(4) Léonce

m. July 29, 1839 (GCch: v. 1, p. 127), Celeste Smith d/o John Smith and Celeste Savoy.

(a) Joseph, b. Sept. 3, 1855 (GCch: v. 2, p. 118).

(5) Placide

m. July 19, 1845 (GCch: v.1, p. 157), Adeline Richard, d/o François Richard.

(a) Télémar, b. July 8, 1856 (CPch: v. 1, p. 30).

m. June 22, 1875 (GCch: v. 4, p. 49), Elina Thibodeaux, d/o Zépherin Thibodeaux and Emélie Boudreaux.

(b) François, b. Jan. 22, 1858 (CPch: v. 2, p. 160).

m. Nov. 20, 1884 (CPch: v. 4, p. 88), Aspasia Duphécin, d/o Jean-Baptiste Thibodeaux and Elizabeth Thibodeaux.

(c) Téléphore, b. Jan. 8, 1862 (GCch: v. 2, no. 224).

m. Feb. 8, 1881 (GCch: v. 4, p. 76), Anais Thibodeaux, d/o Zépherin Thibodeaux and Emélie Boudreaux.

2. Paul, b. 1742, d. 1816.

m. 1764, Rosalie Guilbault.

Paul Thibodeaux settled on Bayou Teche just north of La Pointe (present-day Parks). On June 20, 1771, he received a Spanish grant of 6 arpents front by 40 arpents depth on both sides of the bayou. Above him was the grant to his cousin, Amand Thibodeaux, and below was that of François Guilbeau.

a. Joseph Chevalier, b. 1778.

m. Sept. 11, 1798 (SMch: v. 4, no. 161) Pelagie Broussard.

(1) Joseph Chevalier, b. ca. 1805, d. March 1, 1868 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 135).

m. Oct. 10, 1836 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 231), Clémence Bourque, d/o Jean Bourque and Margaret Duhon.

(a) Joseph

m. Dec. 10, 1860 (Laf. ch, v. 4, p. 198), Marie Broussard, d/o Joachim Isidore Broussard and Carmélite Comeau.

b. Elisée, d. Aug. 15, 1833, age 60 (SMch: v. 5, p. 31).

m. Aug. 9, 1814 (SMch: v. 5, no. 347), Marie Thibodeaux, d/o Isaac Thibodeaux and Felicité Bernard.

(1) Elisée, b. April 26, 1815 (SMch: v. 6, no. 1988).

m. Olivia (Olivanie?) Thibodeaux, d/o Pierre Thibodeaux and Doralise Landry.

(2) Zenon, b. Aug. 12, 1816 (SMch: v. 7, no. 111), d. Oct. 13, 1867 (BBch: v. 1, p. 32).

(3) Paul, b. Nov. 8, 1820 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1104).

(4) Onézime Isaac, b. May 23, 1823 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1104), d. Nov. 7, 1867 (SMch: v. 5, p. 323).

m. July 14, 1859 (BBch: v. 1, p. 50-a), Felicia Thibodeaux, d/o Placide Thibodeaux and Arsene Guidry.

(5) Belizère, b. Aug. 14, 1826 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1887), d. Oct. 25, 1867 (BBch: v. 1, p. 31).

Note: Olivia Thibodeaux, the wife of Elisée Thibodeaux, Zenon, Louis Belizère and Onézime Isaac, brothers of Elisée Thibodeaux, died in October and November of 1867, apparently in the yellow fever epidemic of that year. Their successions are in St. Martin Parish Courthouse, nos. 2035, 2087, 2088, and 2089. Olivia Thibodeaux was survived by the minor children, Omer, Arsene, Placide, and Elisée.

3. Olivier, b. 1745, d. 1803.

m. 1st. 1763 Madeleine Broussard, d. 1765.

Olivier Thibodeaux settled on land above that of his cousin, Amand. He received a Spanish grant of 6 arpents front by 40 arpents depth on both sides of Bayou Teche on June 20, 1771. He also obtained a grant of land in the Bayou Vermilion area on Jan. 5, 1777. This grant lay east of present-day Evangeline Hwy. and south of Surrey St. in Lafayette. Olivier's son, Théodore, also received a grant on Jan. 5, 1777. This land lay directly above that of his father and probably included part of the present-day Lafayette Municipal Golf Course.

a. Théodore, b. 1764, d. Jan. 23, 1823 (Laf. ch: v. 1, p. 7).

m. July 2, 1782 (SMch: v. 2, no. 28), M. Louise Saunier, d/o Sylvain Saunier and Madeleine Bourque.



- (1) Charles (Treville), b. 1801 (SMch: v. 5, no. 417).

m. Oct. 2, 1827 (Laf. ch: v. 1, no. 72), Magdeleine Constantin, d/o Jean Constantin and Marie Sonnier.

- (a) Charles, bt. April 25, 1835 (Laf. ch: v. 4, no. 459).

- (b) Martin, bt. Sept. 24, 1837 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 58).

- (c) Joseph Azenard, bt. Feb. 4, 1840 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 145).

- (d) André, b. Feb. 4, 1851 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 64).

- (e) Jean, b. June 24, 1853 (SMch: v. 9, no. 111).

- (2) Jean-Valsin, b. April 9, 1807 (SMch: v. 6, no. 51).

m. 2nd Agnes Brun

b. Jean, b. 1784.

m. May 29, 1806 (SMch: v. 5, no. 59), Suzanne Castille, d/o Joseph Castille and Scholastique Borda.

- (1) Eucharis, b. Dec. 20, 1820 (SMch: v. 7, no. 982).

- (2) Gerard, b. Dec. 4, 1822 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1364).

- (3) Emile Clermas, b. Apr. 22, 1830 (SMch: v. 8, no. 88).

m. June 3, 1856 (SMch: v. 9, no. 172), Idalise Castille, d/o Zenon Castille and Carmelite Thibodeaux.

- (a) Jean-Horace, b. July 10, 1857 (BBch: v. 1, p. 42).

m. Jan. 5, 1881 (BBch: v. 3, p. 10), Octavie Champagne, d/o Octave Champagne Emerite Champagne.

c. Nicolas, d. 1813.

m. Lenore Prejean of Lafourche (SMch), d/o Basile Prejean and Marie-Joseph Gaudin.

- (1) Arcisse (Narcisse), d. Sept. 1, 1894, age 80 (BBch: v. 2, p. 142).

m. June 2, 1835 (SMch: v. 7, no. 332) Uranie Callier, d/o Jean Callier and Marie Picou.

- (a) Nicolas, b. Nov. 28, 1837 (SMch: v. 8, no. 1418).

m. Jan. 22, 1861 (BBch: v. 1, p. 8), Coralie Bulliard, d/o Etienne Bulliard and Aurore Bernard.

- [1] Etienne, b. Oct. 23, 1861 (BBch: v. 1, p. 21).

- [2] Paul Henry, b. June 10, 1864 (BBch: v. 1, p. 63).

m. June 10, 1884 (BBch: v. 3, p. 136), Marie Allemand.

[3] Alphonse, b. Oct. 18, 1866 (BBch: v. 1, p. 63).  
m. April 30, 1892 (Cecilia ch: v. 1, p. 13), Idea Hebert.

[4] Joseph Laurent, b. Aug. 10, 1869 (BBch: v. 2, p. 179).  
m. Aug. 6, 1891 (BBch: v. 2, p. 12-a), Marie Elize Robert, d/o Arnould Robert and Ernestine Guidry.

[5] Adrien, b. Jan. 16, 1872 (BBch: v. 1, p. 179).

[6] Antoine, b. July 17, 1874 (BBch: v. 1, p. 102).

[7] George, b. April 23, 1883 (BBch: v. 2, p. 211).

(b) Jules, b. Nov. 19, 1850 (SMch: v. 9, no. 86).

(c) Antoine, b. July 17, 1874 (BBch: v. 1, p. 167).

d. Cyrille, b. 1773, d. Oct. 25, 1829 (SMch: v. 4, no. 2010).  
m. Nov. 10, 1799 (SMch: v. 4, no. 185), Scholastique Breaux, d/o Pierre Firmin Breaux and Marguerite Breaux.

(1) Placide, b. Oct. 4, 1802.  
m. Nov. 20, 1820 (SMch: v. 6, no. 219), Mathilde Valentin Landry, d/o Valentin Landry and Celeste Bourgeois.

(a) Leonard, b. May 11, 1823 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1330), d. Nov. 8, 1857.  
m. Dec. 16, 1845 (SMch: v. 8, no. 275), Magdeleine Cormier, d/o Michel Cormier and Celeste Dupuis.

[1] Placide, b. Aug. 2, 1848 (BBch: v. 1, p. 9).  
m. June 23, 1868 (BBch: v. 1, p. 89), Celestine Patin, d/o Onezime Patin and Marcelite Guilbeau.

[a] Leonard, b. July 24, 1871 (BBch: v. 1, p. 167).

[b] Edmond, b. Dec. 16, 1882 (BBch: v. 2, p. 191).

[2] Ernest, b. Dec. 5, 1853 (SMch: v. 9, no. 14).

(b) Cyrille Damonville  
m. 1st., Arnelin Huval  
m. 2nd., May 17, 1869 (SMch: v. 10, no. 144), Felicia Dupuis.

(c) Olivier Télesmar, b. May 14, 1831.  
m. 1st., Jan. 16, 1854 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 94), Silvanie Dupuis, d/o Elize Dupuis and Melanie Breaux.

[1] Jean-Théodore, b. Mar. 27, 1855 (SMch: v. 10, no. 74).

m. 2nd., April 7, 1858 (BBch: v. 1, p. 42-a), Adelaide Patin, d/o Onezime Patin and Adelaide Guilbeau.

[2] Achilles, b. May 12, 1866 (BBch: v. 1, p. 55).

(2) Achilles, b. June 16, 1806 (SMch: v. 7, no. 40).

m. Nov. 2, 1825 (SMch: v. 7, no. 11), Euphrosine Landry, d/o Valentin Landry and Celeste Bourgeois.

(3) Olivier, b. July 8, 1819 (SMch: v. 7, no. 747).

m. Jan. 14, 1840 (SMch: v. 8, no. 152), Apolline Arthemise Melancon, d/o Anaclet Alexandre Melancon and Anne Doralise Thibodeaux.

(a) Hypolite, b. Aug. 26, 1845 (SMch: v. 9, no. 6).

#### DESCENDANTS OF MICHEL THIBODEAU

III. Michel, b. 1678, d. 1734, resident of Port Royal.

m. Agnes Dugas, b. 1685, d/o Claude Dugas and Françoise Bourgeois.

A. Charles, b. 1713, d. ca. 1762.

m. 1739 at Port Royal, Brigitte Breaux.

1. Jean dit Anselme, b. 1758.

m. 1st., June 20, 1780 (SM CtHse: OA-2-15) Marguerite Melancon, d/o Joseph Melancon and Anne Landry.

About the time of this marriage to Marguerite Melancon, Anselme Thibodeaux settled on land on the east bank of Bayou Vermilion. After 1807 he received certification to his claim to Section 40 of T. 11S., R. 4E., 892 acres in the area in which the present community of Milton is located.

a. Jean-Baptiste, b. 1783 (SMch: v. 2, no. 131).

m. Aug. 23, 1801 (SMch: v. 4, no. 234), Louise Broussard, d/o Jean Broussard and Louise Broussard.

(1) Gerard

m. July 29, 1828 (Laf. ch: v. 1, no. 92), Cecile Broussard, d/o Valerie Broussard and Marguerite Landry.

(a) Valéry, bt. May 31, 1832 (Laf. ch: v. 4, no. 19).

(b) Maurice, b. Jan. 15, 1834 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 67).

- (2) Lessaints (Lessin), b. Aug. 14, 1822 (Laf. ch: v. 1, p. 7). d. ca. 1868 (Laf. Cthse : Succ. no. 1185).

m. April 27, 1860 (Laf. Cthse: no. 72), Celeste Oliva Lognion, d/o St. Aubin Lognion and Natalie Guedry.

- (a) Jean-Arthur

m. Sept. 16, 1872 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 40), Mathilda Miguez.

- (b) Joseph, b. July 15, 1856 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 106).

- (c) Félix, b. March 23, 1859 (Laf. ch v. 6, no. 49).

m. Jan. 26, 1880 (Youngsville ch: v. 3, p. 17), Elisa Romero.

[1] St. Aubin, b. Nov. 7, 188 {Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 86}.

m. 2nd, Feb. 20, 1793, Anne Trahan, d. March 19, 1824 (Laf. ch: v. 1, no. 131).

b. Pierre Paul

m. Nov. 23, 1813 (SMch: v. 2, no. 234), Doralise Landry.

- (1) Pierre, b. Oct. 11, 1816 (SMch: v. 7, no. 209).

m. March 19, 1835 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 187), Ceranie Boudreaux.

- (a) Pierre Théodule, b. Aug. 1840 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 206).

m. Elina Broussard (Abb. Cthse: Succ. no. 81).

- (b) Joseph, b. Nov. 24, 1842 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 283).

m. Oct. 28, 1867 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 155), Edmonia Roger, d/o Francois Roger and Melanie Prejean.

[1] Ophélias, b. July 19, 1876 (Abb. ch: v. 4, p. 32).

[2] Louis Marcellus, b. April 24, 1878 (Abb. ch: v. 4, p. 97).

- (c) Jules

m. Dec. 29, 1868 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 183), Belzire Thibodeaux, d/o Emile Thibodeaux and Melasie Thibodeaux.

- (2) Maximilien

m. Oct. 25, 1841 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 96), Perpetue Broussard, d/o Joseph Theodore Broussard and Celeste Comeau.

- (3) Enselme, bt. Nov. 21, 1837, age 13 no. (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 64).

c. Jean Belloni, b. June 14, 1812 (SMch: v. 6, no. 1394).

m. May 27, 1844 (Laf. Cthse: no. 719), Celeste Boulet, d/o Louis Boulet.

- (1) Paul

m. May 27, 1867 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 118), Marguerite Manceau, d/o Jean-Baptiste Manceau and Natalie Vincent.

(a) Aurelien, b. Nov. 29, 1867 (CPch: v. 1, p. 110).

(b) Paul Effe, b. May 15, 1872 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 176).

(2) Anselme, b. April 4, 1854 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 1122).

d. Don Louis, b. 1801.

m. Nov. 2, 1825 (Laf. ch: v. 1, no. 27), Margaret Landry, d/o Joseph Dennis Landry and Elizabeth Labauve.

(1) Clebert, bt. May 12, 1840, age 3 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 187).

m. June 29, 1857 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 87), Oliva Broussard.

(a) Numa, b. Oct. 1, 1861 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 48).

2. Marcellin, b. Feb. 18, 1804 (SMch: v. 6, no. 153).

m. June 11, 1837 (Laf. ch: no. 137), Eloise Broussard, d/o Benjamin Broussard and Magdeleine Hebert.

a. Villier, b. April 1, 1828 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 67).

m. Oct. 2, 1849 (Opel. CtHse: no. 697), Zelia Breaux, d/o Francois Breaux.

b. Duprevil

m. June 10, 1858 (GCch: v. 3, p. 136), Mathilda Istre.

(1) Emile, b. March 1, 1861 (GCch: v. 2, no. 224).

c. Jean Arnest, b. March 3, 1841 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 224).

m. May 11, 1868 (CPch: v. 5, p. 50), Clementine Glonde.

(1) Jean. b. Feb. 22, 1869, at Riviere Mentau (CPch: v. 1, p. 118).

#### DESCENDANTS OF CHARLES THIBODEAU

IV. Charles Thibodeau, b. 1689, d. 1756, resident of Port Royal.

m. Françoise Comeau, b. 1693, d/o Pierre Comeau l'aîné and Jeanne Bourg.

A. Amand, of Chipoudy, b. 1731, Acadie, d. June 25, 1818 (SMch: v. 4, no. 1189).

m. Feb. 27, 1765 (NOch: v. 1765) Gertrude Bourque of Isle St. Jean (Prince Edward Island), Acadie.

Amand Thibodeaux settled on Bayou Teche north of La Pointe. On June 20, 1771, he received a Spanish grant of 6 arpents front by 40 arpents depth on both sides of the bayou. His two sons, Isaac Paul and Benjamin, claimed the preemptive lands lying behind their father's grant on the east side of Bayou Teche.

1. Isaac, b. 1768, d. Aug. 15, 1833 (SMch: v. 5, p. 31, no. 72).

m. Nov. 23, 1790 (SMch: v. 2, no. 62), Felicite Bernard, d/o Michel Bernard and Marie Guilhault.

a. Narcisse, b. Jan. 25, 1797 (SMch: v. 4, no. 865).

m. April 27, 1820 (SMch: v. 6, no. 195) Lucie Potier, d/o Charles Potier and Magdeleine Ducrest.

(1) Alexandre, b. Jan. 15, 1824 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1445), d. Feb. 14, 1892.

m. April 29, 1856 (SMch: v. 9, no. 168) Cidalise Castille, d/o Zenon Castille and Carmelite Thibodeaux (Benjamin and Felicite Bernard).

(a) Ignace, b. Oct. 12, 1860 (BBch: v. 1, p. 11).

m. Dec. 2, 1882 (Laf. ch: v. 7, no. 34), Celima Duhon, d/o Jules Duhon and Palestine Broussard.

[1] Jules, b. Sept. 13, 1884 (BBch: v. 2, p. 307).

[2] George, b. Dec. 14, 1888 (BBch: v. 3, p. 34).

[3] Antoine Conrad, b. July 13, 1900 (BBch: v. 4, p. 41).

(b) Alexander D'erneville, b. Oct. 12, 1862 (BBch: v. 1, p. 31).

m. 1st., Nov. 29, 1883 (BBch: v. 3, p. 110) Honorine Melancon, d/o Alexander Melancon and Olivia Melancon, d. July 16, 1884 (BBch: v. 2, p. 62).

m. 2nd., June 23, 1885 (CARCROch: v. 2, p. 16), Lea Mouton, d/o Aymard Mouton and Elzina Bernard.

(c) Adolphe

m. Dec. 19, 1889 (BBch: v. 2, p. 352) Leontine Thibodeaux, d/o Ovide Thibodeaux and Eleonore Bertrand.

(d) Gilbert, b. Aug. 2, 1865 (BBch: v. 1, p. 47).

m. April 20, 1891 (BBch: v. 2, p. 1-a), Haydee Patin, d/o Adolphe Patin and Aurelia Angelle.

(e) Narcisse

(2) Onezime, b. Oct. 21, 1825 (SMch: v. 8, no. 79).

m. 1st. 1851 (SMch: v. 8, no. 397), Marcelite Elodie Leblanc, d/o Collin Leblanc and Marcellite Arthemise Babin.

m. 2nd. June 10, 1856 (SMch: v. 9, no. 174), Marie Erasie Thibodeaux, d/o Placide Thibodeaux and Arsene Guidry.

(a) Joseph Noe, b. Oct. 13, 1865 (BBch: v. 1, p. 50).

(3) Valery, b. Oct. 11, 1827 (SMch: v. 8, no. 79).

m. Feb. 14, 1854 (SMch: v. 9, no. 82), Amelia Thibodeaux, d/o Treville Thibodeaux and Marie Aspasia Leblanc.

(a) Evariste, bt. Aug. 22, 1857 (BBch: v. 1, p. 42).

(b) Valery, b. July 11, 1881 (BBch: v. 2, p. 136).

(c) Luc

m. Aug. 29, 1891 (BBch: v. 2, p. 14-a), Azema Webre, d/o Ulgere Webre and Carmelite Guidry.

(4) Hypolite, b. Oct. 3, 1830 (SMch: v. 8, no. 80), d. Nov. 15, 1862.

m. Jan. 8, 1859 (BBch: v. 1, p. 43-a), Elizabeth Zeringue, d/o Daniel Zeringue and Marie Sudrique.

(5) Edouard, b. 1832 (SMch: v. 8, no. 436).

m. Aug. 8, 1883 (ARNDch: v. 2, p. 192), Marie Leblanc, d/o Jean Baptiste Leblanc and Adrienne Guilbeau.

(6) Joseph, b. 1834

m. Dec. 12, 1857 (BBch: v. 1, p. 37-a), Clara Comeau, d/o Charles Comeau.

(7) Alexis, b. 1836.

b. Placide, b. Sept. 1, 1800 (SMch: v. 5, no. 377).

m. June 10, 1822 (SMch: v. 6, no. 298), Arcene Guidry, d/o Olivier Guidry and Victoire Seimaire (Semere).

(1) Charles Ovide

m. Feb. 24, 1868 (SMch: v. 10, no. 68), Eleanore Bertrand, d/o Charles Bertrand and Marie A. Dautreuil.

(a) Desire, b. March 13, 1876 (BBch: v. 1, p. 135).

2. Benjamin, b. Oct. 25, 1784 (SMch: v. 3, no. 60), d. May 18, 1833 (SMch: v. 5, p. 26).

m. June 5, 1805 (SMch: v. 5, no. 41), Felicite Girouard, d/o Francois Girouard and Marguerite Cormier.

a. Jean-Tréville, b. March 12, 1811 (SMch: v. 6, no. 1187).

m. Feb. 24, 1829 (SMch: v. 7, no. 111), Aspasia Leblanc, d/o Sylvestre Leblanc and Perosine Duhon.

(1) Jean-Odilon, b. Nov. 8, 1831 (SMch: v. 8, no. 190), d. 1886.

m. Jan. 13, 1852 (SMch: v. 9, no. 16), Marie Adelaide Castille, d/o Emile Castille and Adelaide Thibodeaux.

(a) Edward J. O.

m. Oct. 2, 1883 (BBch: v. 3, p. 107), Josephine Clelie Bourgeois.

(b) Anthony

m. April 30, 1885 (SMch: v. 11, no. 16), Eva Potier, d/o Joseph Potier and Emelie Broussard.

(c) Joseph, b. Aug. 14, 1862 (BBCh: v. 1, p. 29).

(d) Ulysse, b. July 19, 1867 (BBCh: v. 1, p. 72).

m. Dec. 10, 1889 (BBCh: v. 2, p. 348), Adrienne Leblanc, d/o Joseph Theodule Leblanc and Marcellite Guilbeau.

(2) Joseph Ervil (Harville), b. Dec. 9, 1833 (SMCh: v. 8, no. 641).

m. Dec. 20, 1860 (BBCh: v. 1, p. 6), Clara Potier, d/o Alexandre Potier and Clarisse Barras.

(a) Albert, b. Dec. 14, 1864 (SMCh: v. 10, no. 1323).

(b) Pierre, b. Feb. 13, 1874 (BBCh: v. 1, p. 231).

(3) Pierre Mozart, b. Jan. 26, 1841 (SMCh: v. 8, no. 1805).

m. Nov. 14, 1865 (BBCh: v. 1, p. 35), Arsene Castille, d/o Zenon Castille and Carmelite Thibodeaux.

(a) Pierre, b. Feb. 13, 1874 (BBCh: v. 1, p. 231).

(4) Joseph Benjamin, b. May 1, 1852 (SMCh: v. 9, no. 70).

m. 2nd., Aug. 13, 1816 (SMCh: v. 5, no. 416), Felicite Duhon, d/o Jean-Baptiste Duhon and Marie-Joseph Gouterot.

b. Don Louis, b. 1818.

m. 1st., Sept. 10, 1841 (SMCh: v. 5, no. 41), Celeste Wiltz, d/o Alexandre Wiltz and Suzanne Leblanc.

m. 2nd., July 6, 1844 (SMCh: v. 8, no. 248), Eugenie Thibodeaux, d/o Placide Thibodeaux and Arsene Guidry.

(1) Benjamin, b. Nov. 27, 1856 (BBCh: v. 1, p. 46).

m. Feb. 5, 1885 (SMCh: v. 11, p. 34), Blanche Babin, d/o Charles Sidney and Leomire Leblanc.

(a) Gaston, b. Dec. 4, 1885 (BBCh: v. 2, p. 231).

m. Feb. 5, 1908 (SM. Par. Mar. Records, no. 9523).

(b) Leonelle (Lionel), b. April 11, 1887 (BBCh: v. 3, p. 388).

m. Aug. 27, 1912 (SM parish Mar. Records, no. 10169), Unice Thibodeaux d/o Edward Thibodeaux and Josephine Clélie Bourgeois.

(c) Joseph Sidney, b. March 9, 1891 (BBCh: v. 3, p. 134).

(d) Cyrus, b. Feb. 9, 1893 (BBCh: v. 3, p. 196).

(e) Louis Moise, b. Oct. 17, 1894 (BBCh: v. 3, p. 251).



(f) Joseph Gilman, b. 1897.

(g) Claude C., b. Sept. 5, 1901 (BBch: v. 4, p. 69).

(2) Eugene

m. June 17, 1872 (SMch: v. 10, no. 479), Letitia Ducrest, d/o Edgar Ducrest and Clementine Berard.

(3) Oscar, b. Dec. 9, 1863 (BBch: v. 1, p. 36).

m. Jan. 12, 1885 (BBch: v. 3, p. 155), Marie Theodose Broussard d/o Cesar and Severine Castille.

c. Hilaire, b. June 30, 1821 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1125).

m. Jan. 24, 1842 (SMch: v. 8, no. 198), Josephine Leblanc.

d. Achilles, b. Nov. 19, 1812 (SMch: v. 6, no. 1586), d. Sept. 15, 1843 (SMch: v. 5, p. 183).

m. Dec. 7, 1835 (SMch: v. 7, no. 355) Euphanie Thibodeaux, d/o Jean Thibodeaux and Suzanne Castille.

e. Desire, b. April 23, 1825 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1675), d. 1865 (SM CtHse: Succ. no. 1881).

m. Feb. 12, 1844 (SMch: v. 8, no. 241) Marie Leblanc, d/o Sylvestre Leblanc and Perosine Duhon.

3. Placide, b. March 14, 1788.

m. Nov. 15, 1830 (SMch: v. 7, no. 166) Agathe Uranie Thibodeaux, d. Aug. 18, 1831 (SMch: v. 5, p. 9, no. 541), d/o Jean Thibodeaux and Suzanne Castille.

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## LAND CLAIMED IN THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

May 11, 1816

American State Papers, Vol. 3, p. 161

No. 46 Widow Olivier Thibodeau claims 10 arpents front, by the depth of 40 arpents, on the east side of the river Teche, at a place called Prairie Grochevereil, and 21 superficial arpents on the west side . . . by virtue of a purchase from Jesse E. Lacy by her deceased husband. The notice of claim is accompanied by the deed of sale from Chevalier DeClouet, acting for his brother, Louis DeClouet, to Jesse E. Lacy dated May 2, 1796, for 10 arpents front, by 40 arpents depth, at a place called Grand Point, on the bank of Bayou Teche, joining the land sold by the same to Pierre Guidry, on the west side of the Teche, descending at a place opposite Pierre Guidry. The claimant has provided no evidence of occupancy, nor does it appear how DeClouet became proprietor of the land. The Commissioners are of the opinion, that the sale executed before the commandant, as early as 1796, should be taken as evidence that DeClouet had a valid title at that time. . . . This claim is, therefore, reported as one which . . . ought to be confirmed.

# *The Public Land Sales of Southwest Louisiana, 1821 - 1856*

(Continued from Vol. XIX, No. 4)

by Glenn R. Conrad

Date	Purchaser	Parish	Township & Range	Section	Quantity (acres)
Sept. 15, 1840	Daniel Fisher	St. Mary	14S, 11E	SW¼, Sec. 34 Sec. 32 NW¼ & SE¼ & SW¼ Sec. 33	160 237 478
Sept. 16, 1840	Albert G. Phelps	St. Landry	12S, 10W	N½, Sec. 29 & E½, SE¼, Sec. 29 Lots 6,7,8,9,10,11, Sec. 21 Lots 3,4,5,6,7,8, Sec. 22 S½, Sec. 20 W½, SW¼ & N¼, Sec. 28 Lots 6,7,8, Sec. 23	400 240 198 320 400 138
Sept. 16, 1840	Constance Littell	St. Landry	3S, 4E	E½, SW¼ & SE¼, Sec. 27	244
Sept. 17, 1840	Jean-Bte. Manuel	St. Landry	5S, 2E	Lot 2, Sec. 26	40
"	Francois Manuel	"	"	Lot 11, Sec. 20 Lot 10, Sec. 21	40 40
Sept. 17, 1840	James W. Murdock	St. Landry	2S, 1W	W½, NW¼, Sec. 13 W½, SW¼, Sec. 13	80 80
Sept. 21, 1840	Eli G. Guillory	St. Landry	4S, 3E	Lot 3, Sec. 24	115
Sept. 25, 1840	Daniel Fisher	St. Mary	12S, 10E	W½, NE¼ & E½, NW¼, Sec. 55	160
Oct. 5, 1840	Everot Guillory	St. Landry	6S, 2E	Lot 2, Sec. 21	112
"	Etienne Couleau	"	4S, 2E	W½, NW¼, Sec. 27	80
"	Mme Pierre Vidrine	"	"	Lot 2, Sec. 28	80
Oct. 6, 1840	Antoine Attales	"	"	E½, NE¼, Sec. 28	80
Oct. 13, 1840	Christopher Steel	"	6S, 2E	Lot 1, Sec. 20	108
Oct. 16, 1840	James A. Garrett	St. Mary	13S, 12E	Lots 1,2,3,4, Sec. 26 E½, NE¼, Sec. 35 Lots 3,4, Sec. 22 NE¼, NE¼, Sec. 27	142 49 50 22
Oct. 27, 1840	Daniel Fisher	St. Mary	14S, 11E	Lots 2,6, Sec. 22 E½, SE¼ & W½, SW¼, & N½, NW¼ & SW¼, NE¼, Sec. 27	80 272

Date	Purchaser	Parish	Township & Range	Section	Quantity (acres)
The following statement appears at this point in the manuscript record:					
"Examined this Book and compared it with those of the Registers Office, corrected the discrepancies as far as practicable, from June 1st, 1836, or Certif. No. 1356 to the present date, or Certif. No. 2803. My examination commenced on the 22nd July of the present year and concluded on the 31st October. Opelousas, November 4th, 1840. /s/ V. M. Garische"					
Feb. 20, 1841	Solomon Bands & William Bendy, commissioners of the Parish of Calcasieu	Calcasieu	9S, 8W	Lot 5, Sec. 12	91
Feb. 26, 1841	Moses Hebert	Lafayette	9S, 4E	SE¼ (?) Sec. 31	159
Feb. 26, 1841	George R. King	St. Landry	4S, 5E	W½, SW¼, Sec. 32	79
Feb. 27, 1841	Thomas Carr	"	6S, 2E	NW¼, Sec. 27	159
"	Charles Pitre, Jr.	"	5S, 2E	N½, NE¼, Sec. 35	80
Mar. 1, 1841	John Woods, Jr.	"	3S, 5E	N½, Sec. 36	279
Mar. 3, 1841	James M. Moore	St. Martin	12S, 10E	W½, NW¼, Sec. 6	80
				E¼, NE¼ & W½, SE¼, & NE¼, SE¼, Sec. 5	200
				Lots 4, 5, 10, 11, Sec. 11	150
Mar. 3, 1841	Ursin Landry & Joseph E. Landry	Lafayette	11S, 9E	Lot 4, Sec. 3	46
Mar. 3, 1841	Rosemond Louviere & Joseph Broussard	Lafayette	11S, 5E	SW¼, Sec. 18	161
Mar. 3, 1841	Benjamin Mire & Joseph E. Broussard	Lafayette	11S, 5E	SE¼, Sec. 17	161
Mar. 3, 1841	Louis Boulaise & John H. Taylor	Lafayette	11S, 5E	SW¼, Sec. 10	129
Mar. 3, 1841	Albert G. Phelps	Calcasieu	12S, 10W	NW¼, Sec. 15	92
				SE¼, SE¼, Sec. 19	42
				E¼, NE¼, Sec. 30	85
				W½, SW¼, Sec. 29	80
Mar. 3, 1841	Alexander Donnan & Andrew Donnan of Mississippi	St. Landry	4S, 7E	E¼, SE¼, Sec. 25	80
				Lots 4, 5, 8, 9, Sec. 26	160
Mar. 3, 1841	John Laubert	St. Martin	5S, 7E	E¼, NE¼, Sec. 2	80
"	Martin Lebleu	Calcasieu	8S, 6E	NW¼, Sec. 8	138
"	Daniel P. Sparks	St. Mary	15S, 11E	Lot 5, Sec. 11	136
"	John L. Daniel	St. Mary	14S, 7E	Frac. Sec. 49	172
"	"	St. Landry	3S, 7E	Frac. Sec. 4	73
"	"	"	"	Frac. Sec. 10	326
"	"	"	"	Frac. Sec. 5	38
"	"	"	"	Sec. 4	183
"	"	"	"	Sec. 3	10
"	"	"	"	Lots 1, 2, 3, 7, Sec. 3(sic)	128
"	"	"	"	Lots 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 16, Sec. 6	234

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Mar. 29, 1841	Douglas Wilkins	St. Mary	15S, 7E	Lots 1,2, Sec. 1	165
			14S, 7E	Lots 5,6, Sec. 8	175
Apr. 5, 1841	William Doughty of the District of Columbia	St. Mary	14S, 11E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 12	80
"	"	"	"	W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13	320
"	"	"	"	E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 24	160
"	"	"	14S, 12E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 18	80
"	"	"	"	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 19	484
"	"	"	"	E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 30	80
"	"	"	"	W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 29	80
"	"	"	"	E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 34	80
"	"	"	"	S $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sec. 33	320
"	"	"	"	E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , & E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 35	159
"	"	"	"	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 25	160
Apr. 19, 1841	Carmelite Comeau	Lafayette	9S, 4E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 9	82
Apr. 22, 1841	Henry Terrell	St. Landry	4S, 4E	Frac. Sec. 47	66
May 12, 1841	Daniel Fisher	St. Mary	14S, 11E	Lots 1,3, Sec. 3	59
				W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 23	79
				E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10	74
May 24, 1841	Thomas Bilbo	Calcasieu	9S, 8W	Frac. Lot 6, Sec. 29	41
"	Henry Moss	"	12S, 10W	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 30	42
"	William Prather	"	"	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 30	42
"	Thomas Bilbo	"	9S, 8W	Lot 6, Sec. 32	41
"	Thomas Bilbo, trustee for Joseph Courville, Antoine Courville, Jr., Lucy Cour- ville & Leon Courville	Calcasieu	9S, 8W	Lot 7, Sec. 25	69
May 24, 1841	Joseph Courville	"	"	Lot 3, Sec. 25	31
"	Arcene Lebleu	"	9S, 7W	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 18	37
"	Michel Trahan	"	11S, 9W	Lot 11, Sec. 18	39
May 27, 1841	Elou J. Derouen	St. Martin	13S, 6E	Lots 2,3, Sec. 3	161
May 29, 1841	Sam Grice	"	12S, 10E	Lot 5, Frac. Sec. 22	35
				Lots 2,3,4, Frac. Sec. 27	118
May 29, 1841	William Dewitt	St. Landry	4S, 5E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 33	40
"	John B. McDaniel	"	"	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 32	40
"	Edmund Mouton	Lafayette	9S, 4E	Frac. Sec. 47	59
"	Charles Mouton	"	"	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 21	41
June 1, 1841	Louis V. Martin	"	"	Frac. Sec. 40	13
June 2, 1841	Olivier Lafleur	St. Landry	4S, 2E	Lot 2, Sec. 34	80
June 2, 1841	Solomon Bonds	"	6S, 4E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 4	39
June 10, 1841	Rosemond Broussard	St. Martin	12S, 6E	Frac. Sec. 31	67
"	Simon Girouard	"	"	Frac. Sec. 29	53
"	"	"	"	Frac. Lot 2, Sec. 32	43

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June 17, 1841	Hugh L. Wilson	St. Landry	3S, 4E	W½, SE¼, Sec. 2	81
"	Florentin Michell	St. Martin	13S, 12E	SW¼, Sec. 26	160
"	Eloi J. Derouen	"	12S, 6E	lot 4 & Frac. S½, Sec. 33	303
"	Joseph Derouen	"	"	Lots 2,3, Sec. 33	101
July 16, 1841	James A. Garrett	St. Mary	13S, 12E	W½, NE¼ & SE¼, NE¼, Sec. 27	120
				W½, NE¼, Sec. 35	80
				SE¼, SW¼, Sec. 22	40
July 19, 1841	Antoine Savant	St. Landry	3S, 3E	Lot 22, Sec. 79	167
July 20, 1841	Cyprien Duhon	Calcasieu	10S, 9W	Lots 5, 6, Sec. 15	65
				Lots 1,2,4,7, Sec. 22	170
July 26, 1841	William L. Cason	St. Landry	3S, 5E	NW¼, SE¼, Sec. 29	39
"	Peter McBride	"	4S, 5E	SW¼, NW¼, Sec. 10	40
July 28, 1841	Jacob Keller	"	3S, 2E	W½, NE¼, Sec. 21	80
"	Charles Trufer	"	3S, 3E	Lot 32, Sec. 69	52
"	Felicite Sonnier & heirs & legal representatives of Michel F. Duval	St. Mary	15S, 11E	Lots 4,5,6, Sec. 13	86
Aug. 4, 1841*	Levi Smith	St. Landry	5S, 5E	NE¼, Sec. 10	160
Aug. 4, 1841*	Ira Thayer	"	"	SW¼, Sec. 22	161
Aug. 5, 1841	Antoine Marcantel	Calcasieu	8S, 5W	SE¼, NW¼, Sec. 3	43
Aug. 5, 1841*	Ira Thayer	St. Landry	5S, 5E	SE¼, Sec. 21	161
Aug. 7, 1841*	Thomas R. Plowman	"	"	NW¼, Sec. 3	159
Aug. 7, 1841*	Wesley Brackin	"	"	SW¼, Sec. 15	161
Aug. 11, 1841	Onedime Trahan	"	9S, 3E	Lot 1, Sec. 4	100
Aug. 16, 1841	Leon Depeuy (?)	St. Martin	8S, 6E	Lots 1,2, Sec. 27	133
"	Ursin LeBlanc	"	8S, 7E	SW¼, Sec. 18	161
"	Joseph Angel, Jr.	"	8S, 6E	Lots 5,6,7, Sec. 25	114
"	Pierre Goodriche	"	9S, 6E	Sec. 2	147
"	Ursin Prejean, pere	"	8S, 6E	NW¼, Sec. 25	111
Aug. 17, 1841	Randolph Fogleman	St. Landry	3S, 3E	Lot 31, Sec. 70	82
Aug. 20, 1841	Etienne & Augustin Vidrine	St. Landry	4S, 2E	Frac. Lot 3, Sec. 22	151
Aug. 24, 1841	Benj. F. Grimball	"	4S, 5E	SW¼, Sec. 30	160
Sept. 6, 1841	Wid. Pierre Vidrine	"	4S, 2E	Frac. Lot 4, Sec. 28	146
Sept. 13, 1841	John Ross & Alexander Holmes	St. Martin	10S, 11E	SW¼, Sec. 28	67
Sept. 13, 1841	"	St. Landry	5S, 5E	W½, NE¼ & SW¼, SE¼, Sec. 22	161
Sept. 14, 1841	Ursin Prejean, Sr.	St. Martin	8S, 6E	E½, SE¼, Sec. 13	80
"	Hypolite Fontenot & Pierre Felix	St. Landry	6S, 1E	SW¼, Sec. 1	160
Sept. 14, 1841	Hypolite Fontenot	St. Mary	15S, 12E	Irreg. Sec. 17	34
"	Pierre Felix	St. Landry	5S, 5E	W½, NE¼, Sec. 27	80

\*Sales cancelled by Act of Congress, September 4, 1841

(To Be Continued)

# The House That Jacques Built

By Gertrude C. Taylor

Standing as proud but not so sturdy as it was 166 years ago is an old house, "*une superbe maison*,"<sup>1</sup> on the corner of Main and Hamilton streets in St. Martinville. Known to the people of that town as "The Old Bienvenu House," the structure, built for Jacques Fontenette, was completed in late 1817 or early 1818.

Jacques Benigue Fontenette, son of Dr. Benigue Fontenette of Burgundy, France, and Marie Geneviève de Livaudais, was born in New Orleans and baptised April 22, 1754.<sup>2</sup> On July 5, 1800, he, then a resident of St. Charles Parish, married Charlotte Louise Pellerin, daughter of Louis Gérard Pellerin and Marie Marthe Hubert.<sup>3</sup> Soon after his marriage, Fontenette moved to the Attakapas, where he had previously claimed land, and began to add to his holdings on both sides of Bayou Teche north of St. Martinville.<sup>4</sup> By the time he made his will in 1812, Fontenette owned almost 3,000 acres of land.

Fontenette was 68 years old at the time of his death, April 23, 1818.<sup>5</sup> His succession, opened May 4, 1818, lists eight children: Antoinette, Charlotte Celeste, Jacques, Marie Louise, Elmiere, Joseph Adolphe, Marie, and Charles Louis, born only three months before his father's death.<sup>6</sup> May 18, 1818, Charlotte Pellerin, widow of Jacques Fontenette and tutor of her minor children, petitioned the court to sell property to satisfy debts of the estate. Among the three pieces of property selected for sale was "a piece of land three arpents front on the right bank of Bayou Teche, with a depth to Bayou Tortue, situated next to the town of St. Martinville—"on which there is a fine house, newly constructed."<sup>7</sup>

1. St. Martin Parish Succession no. 239, Jacques Fontenette, May 4, 1818. In an order of sale to satisfy debts of the estate of Jacques Fontenette is included a piece of land three arpents front on the right bank of Bayou Teche by a depth to Bayou Tortue, situated next to the town of St. Martinville—"on which there is a fine house, newly constructed."

Fontenette had acquired the property, on which he later built this house, from Marin Le Normand sometime before 1812, since he (Fontenette) mentions the tract (without improvements) in his will, dated July 17, 1812. This sale was either a private one or one recorded in New Orleans. There is no such conveyance in the early St. Martin Records.

2. New Orleans Church, v. 3, p. 33, art. 227.

3. St. Martin Parish Ct. Rec., Original Acts, Bk. 4½, no. 9.

4. It appears that Fontenette first bought land in the Attakapas in 1801. This tract was 12 arpents front by 40 arpents depth on the east side of Bayou Teche, purchased from Louis Veillon. *Ibid.*, Bk. 20, no. 15. On this tract Fontenette established his *maison principale*. He had in 1797, received an order of survey for 410 acres lying behind the aforementioned tract and claimed through petition, another 406-acre tract at the rear of the second tract. In addition to the land he bought from Lenormand, Fontenette bought, in 1811, 12 arpents front on the west side of Bayou Teche from his brother-in-law, Louis Delahoussaye. *Ibid.*, Bk. 1A, p. 133.

5. St. Martin Parish Succession no. 239.

6. *Ibid.*, v. 7, no. 433.

7. St. Martin Parish Succession no. 239.



Above - The superb manoir that Jacques Fontenette built in late 1817 or early 1818 stands on Main Street in St. Martinville. Built on a three-acre front plantation running from Bayou Teche to Bayou Tortue, the house has been occupied throughout the years by members of two families, Fontenette and Bienvenue. Few alterations to the original structure have taken place. The outdoor kitchen has been removed or brought forward (probably after 1852) to form an extension on the rear gallery and to serve as a kitchen-dining combination. Camphor trees were planted long after the house was built. Concrete steps and metal rails are modern replacements.



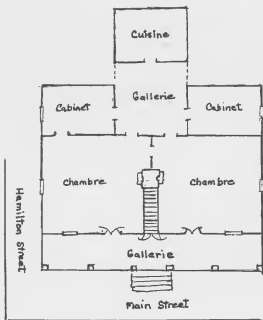
Left - In the 166 years it has been there, the house shows the ravages of time. Fallen cypress siding reveals bousillage in the east wall. Most of the structure appears to be original.

Apparently there was no sale of that property, for it was not until 1834 that Joseph Adolphe Fontenette of New Orleans bought from his mother's estate the property with the "*superbe maison*."<sup>8</sup>

Who occupied the house from the time Fontenette bought it until his death in 1852 is not known, since he continued to live in New Orleans during those years. From Fontenette's succession sale, Nov. 10, 1852, Jacques Alfred Bienvenu acquired the property,<sup>9</sup> and it has, until the present, remained in the Bienvenu family.

8. St. Martin Parish Sheriff, Bk. 1, p. 45. The heirs of Jacques Fontenette petitioned for seizure and sale of the property. Adolphe Fontenette, then a resident of New Orleans, bought this piece of property for \$2,000.

9. St. Martin Parish Conveyance Bk. 20½, p. 242, no. 273. Jacques Alfred Bienvenu was the third child and first son of Celeste Fontenette, sister of Adolphe, who had married Jan. 18, 1816, Francois Theodule Bienvenu of New Orleans. Jacques Alfred married, Nov. 30, 1845, Marie Sophie Bienvenu, daughter of Pierre Terville Bienvenu and Sophie de Kerleand. St. Peter's Church, New Iberia, v. 1, p. 65. He died Sept. 3, 1855, at age 33. St. Martinville Church, v. 5, p. 239.



FLOOR PLAN OF THE HOUSE JACQUES FONTENETTE BUILT  
1817 - 1818





Above - View from the corner of Main and Hamilton streets shows that the cabinet on that side has been made into a bath and laundry and the rear gallery has been extended.

Right - North exposure gives details of the original beams and wide fascia boards on the front gallery. Most original to the period in which the house was built is the enclosed stairway to the attic, the double wood doors of which are positioned between the two exterior doors and are elevated one step above the porch floor. There is no evidence of a cellar or "cave" which legend says was once below the house.





Top - Beaded beams support the wide cypress boards of the ten-foot ceilings.

Right - Tall, heavy, eight-panel doors of unusual design and the molded door frames are obviously replacements of the early period.

Above - The ornate mantel is in keeping with doors and door frames. The once open fireplace shows changes of two eras.



The stairway, which rises from the front porch and lands at the chimney, leads to a finished attic room on the south side. Evidently, this room was closed in at a later date. Morticed stair treads, hand-hewn laths, bousillage, and plastered walls are all standing parts of the art of construction in the period in which the house was built and are part of the few examples of that art remaining in the area.

Recensement Général  
Et  
Etat de Recette  
relatifs aux besoins de l'Eglise  
des Attacapas  
Conformement à la délibération  
Paroissiale du 7<sup>me</sup> Avril

1784

Submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Theriot

Names of Families	Number of Individuals	Number of Animals	Arpents of Land*
Barthélémy Grevenber	4	50	20
Pradie	12	—	—
Ozenne	16	20	15
Louis Boulai	2	11	—
Charles Préjean	7	26	4
Basile Landry	3	27	4
Simon Broussard	7	160	18
Boudros	1	28	5
Victor Blanchard	3	120	13
Freme Robichot	3	120	13
Jean-Baptiste Broussard	9	150	10
Jean-Baptiste Cormier	8	56	4
François Broussard	13	170	49
Baptiste Labauve	4	72	20
Aman Broussard	6	150	58
Paul Trahan	6	64	26
Athanase Trahan	4	36	6
Jacques Faustein	7	64	26
Germain Trahan	2	57	20
Joseph Broussard	4	88	25
René Trahan	7	180	80
	128	1554	407
Families carried over	Individuals 128	Animals 1554	Arpents of Land 407
Charles Duons	7	80	—
Michel Mau	6	121	55
Pierre Joseph, foreigner	1	—	—
Jean-Bte. Hébert	7	54	50
Firmin Braud	9	153	25
Joseph Hébert	7	52	4
René Leblanc	4	66	20
Janis Trahan	3	86	—
Claude Duons	4	76	—
Michel Trahan	3	86	—
Augustin Broussard	9	66	40
Anselme Thibaudot	2	78	25
Bein Argraus, English	11	8	—
Pierre Gayar	1	27	—
Firmin Landry	8	38	60
Aman Landry	5	58	6
Jean Dugas	7	76	46

\*Figures in this column represent the number of arpents cleared or in cultivation.

Families	Individuals	Animals	Arpents of Land
Pierre Dugas	6	169	50
René Broussard	6	110	20
Amand Dugas	2	10	—
Mme (N.O.)			40
	245	2999	917
Families carried over	Individuals 245	Animals 2999	Arpents of Land 917
Dios Rose	—	14	80
Claude Beausoleil	7	150	20
Joseph Broussard	—	100	40
Charles Dugas	—	—	40
François Louvier	2	18	28
Pierre Dalby	—	—	40
Joseph Landry	3	22	20
Dubuclet	7	312	30
Jean Dartes	3	25	10
François Grevember	2	82	20
Joseph Hébert	9	23	10
Anselme Martin	3	20	10
Jean Cristophle	2	11	—
Maturin Manudi	3	12	6
Baptiste Prévost	2	20	3
Jean-Louis Bonin	6	50	14
Jean Prince	2	20	—
Widow Bonin	2	5	—
Paul Bonin	3	50	14
Antoine Bonin	3	14	3
Antoine Martin (N.O.)	—	17	—
Mme Delahoussaye	—	—	142
Karling (Carlin)	8	150	10
Jean-Bte. Grevember	13	52	10
	325	4166	1407
Families carried over	Individuals 325	Animals 4166	Arpents of Land 1407
Gonsoulin	12	244	48
Charles Dugas	7	140	56
Lanuit	1	2	12
Jean Broussard	12	174	32
Jean Huval	4	50	16

Families	Individuals	Animals	Arpents of Land
Benoit Ste. Claire	7	100	24
Chevalier de Villiers	6	—	20
Cavellier	52	109	40
Antoine Lanclos	9	—	—
St. Marc	15	26	24
Wid. Grevember	28	142	124
Louis Grevember	1	40	20
Augustin Grevember	6	15	40
Mlle. Perrine Grevember	—	30	—
Vallier	—	15	—
Pain	—	67	—
Mme Delahoussaye	26	350	192
Degrugy	38	20	147
Joseph Prévost	4	10	12
Wid. Prévost	7	64	12
Nicholas Prévost	6	148	20
Labée, son	9	60	40
Labée, father	8	50	38
	525	6292	2324
Families carried over	Individuals	Animals	Arpents of Land
	525	6292	2324
Widow Découx	13	50	32
Labée, son (for Perrique)	—	16	—
Vincent Barras	11	44	32
Antoine Barra	1	24	—
François Decuir	10	51	12
Augustin Bujeaux	5	10	24
Bérard	22	200	52
Antoine Patin	12	100	12
Moreau	4	28	12
Martin Soudrie	22	40	12
Pierre Broussard	11	300	16
Louis Judice	—	—	12
Philippe Wilse	10	45	12
Silvain Broussard	10	125	22
Wid. Berbinot	6	92	22
Charles Builbaud	7	96	22
Michel Bernard	10	170	22
Paul Thibaudot	9	80	22
Olivier Thibaudot	11	180	32
Claude Martin	10	100	12
Michel Doucet	8	70	24



Families	Individuals	Animals	Arpents of Land
Joseph Doucet	6	40	12
Baptiste Semer	10	90	12
	749	8422	2808
Families carried over	Individuals	Animals	Arpents of land
	749	8422	2808
Joseph Castille	7	15	20
Aman Thibaudot	9	70	12
François Guilbaud	6	50	17
Simon Leblanc	11	80	22
Ducrest	18	30	48
Joseph Wisse (Wilse)	1	40	20
Baptiste Lalonde	4	40	10
LeDée	19	1200	160
Chevalier DeClouet	33	350	160
Pierre Nezat	14	130	52
Aman Préjean	10	70	36
Marin Préjean	2	20	12
Augustin Boudreau	4	40	5
Marin Mouton	4	20	5
Jean Mouton	10	100	10
Jean Guilbeaud	2	50	10
Lisette (liberated Negro)	4	10	6
Guillaume (mulatto)	9	39	6
Anselme (mulatto)	2	20	6
Zenon (mulatto)	1	5	—
Jean Charles Hébert	4	30	10
Wid. Borda	4	30	10
Wid. Savoye	7	30	10
	934	10,891	3455
Families carried over	Individuals	Animals	Arpents of Land
	934	10,891	3455
Fuselier de la Claire	48	1075	94
Stix (liberated Negro)	1	25	—
François Collet	4	50	10
Macarty	9	410	216
Boutté	60	235	80
Judice	—	—	10
Delahoussaye	—	—	80

Families	Individuals	Animals	Arpents of Land
Wid. Borelle	27	150	200
Sorel	20	700	134
Mme Gregoire (Pellerin)	—	—	80
Collet	—	—	40
Jean Titon (liberated mulatto)	—	—	—
Leveille (liberated Negro)	8	30	40
André (liberated Negro)	7	16	40
	1115	13582	4509

## RECAPITULATION

Number of Individuals: 1115

Number of Animals: 13582

Arpents of Land: 4509

The public is informed that anyone will be allowed to inform us of the contributions, voluntary or other, made by individuals so that they might be attached to the general census for the benefit of the Board of Trustees, for it is only fair that no one be exempt. This conforms to the decision which follows as to how the amount will be collected.

Sieur Ozenne, church warden of the parish, will note that the chapel cost 126 dollars which I paid to Father Cyrille for the settlers, and it will belong to them after I recover my money, which I collected from public funds.

He will note that I paid from the same funds what was owed M. de Gruy for the benches, repairs to the fences of the cemetery and presbytery and for the white washing of the church in the amount of 274 dollars.

Both sums will be taken from the 673.75½ as stipulated in the list of funds collected.

Note also that the community owes the wages of the *engagés* [indentured laborers] who went by way of Plaquemine to get Father Hillaire in Pointe Coupée. This to be paid from the same funds.

Sieur Ozenne and Petit Claude, as they collect the amounts due, will, for their mutual convenience, put a cross by the name of those who will pay in their presence and will have to give a receipt to anyone who is not satisfied with the cross. The cross is suggested to make the task go faster.

Those who do not think they should pay will get a dispensation from the governor. I cannot grant it, though I can force the compliance of those who refuse.

The first and second church warden should know I consider the sum of 20 dollars for the original paper work and the copies done by the secretary quite fair. Due consideration will be given to it, while they go to collect the monies.

Done in our house, December 10, 1781

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## 1804 - 1900

*Compiled by Rebecca Batiste*

ESTATE NO.	NAME	YEAR OPENED
17	Andrus, Solomon	Feb. 4, 1804
107	Arceneaux, Louis	March 1812
164	Arceneaux, Pierre	Sept. 1814
202	Ambroise, free negro	Aug. 1805
212	Adam, Jean	Aug. 1815
237	Amy, Gilbert	March 1816
285	Aucoin, Angustine, wife of Pailot Trahan	Jan. 1818
308	Ann, free Negro girl appt. of tutor	Sept. 1818
417	Ardouin, Paulin	Oct. 1821
494	Aubert, Louis	Oct. 1823
497	Antoine, Joseph Charles	Nov. 1823
498	Armstrong, William	Jan. 1824
512	Amy, Nicolas, appt. curator ad hoc	June 1824
532	Artache, Antoine	Aug. 1825
562	Ardouin, Etienne	Nov. 1826
572	Arceneaux, Sarville	May 1827
606	Abel, Michel	Sept. 1828
609	Achet, Benjamin Desiré	Nov. 1828
616	Adeline, free woman of color	Apr. 1829
620	Ardouin, Marie Marguerite Trahan, widow of Etienne	June 1829
645	Aborn, Joseph	Apr. 1830
725	Allouard, Jean Pierre	July 1833
961	Annon, William	July 11, 1842
1021	Annon, Lucinda, wife of Daniel Riggels	May 10, 1844
1029	Aubry, Martin, f.m.c.	Sept. 18, 1844
1079	Arceneau, Marie Marcellite, wife of Marius Amy	July 24, 1846
1090	Armand, Elise	Apr. 3, 1846
1148	Aime, Pierre	Nov. 3, 1847
1310	Auguste, Cheri, f.m.c.	Oct. 25, 1855
1381	Arnaud, Amelia, wife of Ursin Patin	July 27, 1853
1482	Aubry, Joseph, f.m.c.	Oct. 25, 1855
1499	Aurelia, f.w.c., appt. of tutor	Dec. 6, 1855
1510	Aure, Aglae, dec'd wife of P. A. Renaud	Jan. 11, 1856
1573	Arial, Manna	Oct. 5, 1857
1690	Abat, Norbert, f.m.c. (see file 1744)	Aug. 13, 1860
1708	Armand, François, f.w.c.	Nov. 22, 1860
1775	Angel, Hermogene	Dec. 31, 1862
1795	Angel, Arthur	Mar. 19, 1863

ESTATE NO.	NAME	YEAR OPENED
1796	Allegre, Sylvestre Alfred	Mar. 25, 1863
1916	Allen, Laclaire	Jan. 26, 1866
1949	Armand, Eugenie	May 23, 1866
1968	Aubry, Alex & Charlotte Lemelle Alexandre	July 23, 1866
2369	Angel, Amelia & Pierre Hebert, husband	Nov. 6, 1877
2365	Aubry, Eugene, appt. of E. A. Duchamp tutor	Aug. 23, 1877
2431	Allegre, Alfred, emancipation of	Sept. 15, 1879
2436	Ascher, Pierre	Oct. 24, 1879
2521	Allen, Mary, wife of Sebastian Smith	July 3, 1882
2523	Allegre, Cleophine	July 18, 1882
2585	Angele, Odillon	May 27, 1884
2629	Aubry, Louis	Aug. 13, 1885
2637	Ambroise, Celestine, dec'd wife of Narcisse Louis	Nov. 9, 1885
2649	Aubry, Chas.	Feb. 9, 1886
2651	Aubry, Louis	Mar. 8, 1886
2652	Amy, Telesphose	Mar. 15, 1886
2705	Anderson, John	Apr. 4, 1887
2743	Aleck, Theodule	Apr. 16, 1889
2759	Allemand, Helene, dec'd wife of Jules LeBlanc	Dec. 18, 1889
2780	Alexandre, Celestin	Oct. 2, 1890
2825	Auguillard, Louise, dec'd wife of Geo. Vallier	June 20, 1892
2837 1/2	Alexandre, Alexandrine, dec'd wife of Michel Turpeau	Jan. 10, 1893
2844	Alexandre, Alexis	Mar. 13, 1893
2853	Affolter, Ida, dec'd wife of Geo. Lovas	Oct. 28, 1893
2873	Allemand, Ozeme	May 17, 1894
2884	Arnaud, Joseph Etienne, emancipation	Oct. 30, 1894
2895	Aubry, Lucy, dec'd wife of Jules Lenormand	Mar. 8, 1895
2912	Angele, Ophelia & Eugene Calais	Nov. 14, 1895
2922	Angele, Ordalie, dec'd wid. Valsin Bernard	Apr. 6, 1896
2938	Armstrong, Evelina, dec'd wid. of Geo. Foster	Oct. 27, 1896
2977	Angel, Aurelien. Family meeting proceedings on behalf of his grandchildren.	June 21, 1896
2981	Angel, Noemie, dec'd wife of Hermogene Dupuis	Aug. 6, 1898
2995	Allison, Joseph Herr, emancipation	Feb. 2, 1899
3036	Arceneaux, Suzette	Oct. 3, 1900

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3	Bienvenu, Devince	Feb. 1807
7	Broussard, Armand, petition for adm. of estate of	June 1807
11	Baudoin, Pierre	Jan. 1808
24	Bosler, Henry	July 1808
26	Broussard, Raphael	July 1808
27	Broussard, Sylvain	Aug. 1808
31	Bodereau, J. C.	Oct. 1808
35	Boutte, Antoine, partition	Dec. 1808

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36	Bonin, Mrs. Paul	Dec. 1808
38	Breaux, Firmin	Jan. 1809
54	Bernard, Michel	Mar. 1810
67	Blagge, Parchal S.	Aug. 1810
73	Breaux, Jean Bte.	Aug. 1810
88	Bundick, William	Apr. 1811
91	Borgella, Berthelmy	May 1811
94	Broussard, Auguste	July 1811
103	Benoit, Henriette	Oct. 1811
116	Broussard, Theophile	July 1812
125	Barras, Polite	July 1813
135	Broussard, Jean & Gertrude Thibodeaux	June 1813
136	Broussard, Julia & Robert Bell	Aug. 1813
139	Bernard, Anastasie	Sept. 1813
143	Barre, Marie Louise	Nov. 1813
156	Breaux, Wid. Firmin	May 1814
175	Breaux, Paul	June 1814
161	Bourg, Wid. Magdelaine	July 1814
183	Babineaux, Julien to Wid. Prejean discharge	Apr. 1814
194	Breaux, Donat	May 1815
195	Barre, Magde. & Auguste Nezat	May 1815
201	Bernard, Michel	Aug. 1806
205	Broussard, Joseph	Oct. 1805
208	Babino, Marie, wife of Augt. Benoit	Aug. 1815
222	Blanchard, Marie Henriette	Dec. 1815
230	Bonin, Pierre	Mar. 1816
238	Benoist, Marie de St. Clair, emancipation &c.	July 1816
246	Broussard, Armand, last will	Sept. 1816
247	Boucheau (Boudreaux), François	Sept. 1816
249	Bernard, François	Oct. 1816
252	Broussard, Alex. Simon & wife	Nov. 1816
256	Broussard, Wid. Joseph (alias Petit Joe)	Feb. 1817
269	Bernard, Jean & Anne Broussard, his wife	July 1817
271	Breaux, Marie, late wife of J. Bte. Guidry	July 1817
275	Broussard, Pierre	Sept. 1817
279	Babineaux, Theodore	Sept. 1817
280	Broussard, Isabelle	Oct. 1817
288	Broussard, Armand	Feb. 1818
294	Breaux, Chas. & Marie Terzile Gravais, his wife	May 1818
297	Blanchard, Victor, last will of	July 1818
329	Broussard, Marie Philonise	May 1819
331	Babineaux, Dominique	July 1819
335	Broussard, Joseph René	Aug. 1819
338	Buteau, Joseph	Sept. 1819
341	Haire, Samuel	Nov. 1819
346	Broussard, Claude	Dec. 1819

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354		Broussard, Anaclet	April 1820
358		Bonin, Lise, wife of Alex. Broussard	May 1820
361		Broussard, Hortense, wife of Jean Broussard	May 1820
366		Breaux, Francois & Celestie Dugas, his wife	June 1820
375		Bourg, Marguerite, Wid. Chas. Guilbeau	October 1820
380		Broussard, Michel	November 1820
381		Bossier, Jean & Marie Catherine Doucet, his wife	November 1820
395		Babin, Joseph	March 1821
400		Bourg, Magdelaine, wid. Jos. Firmin Duhon	May 1821
404		Berard, Jean and his wife	June 1821
405		Breaux, Tarzile, wife of Maximillien Prejean	July 1821
413		Babin, Julien	September 1821
414		Broussard, Joseph, last will of	September 1821
416		Broussard, Marie, wife of Eloy Broussard	October 1821
418		Broussard, Adelaide, wife of Nich. Broussard	October 1821
419		Brun, Etienne	October 1821
424		Brashear, Belt & wife, appt. of tutor & curator to the minor children of	November 1821
441		Bonin, Marguerite wife of Edw. Broussard	May 1822
442		Broussard, Anastasie, wife of Bapt. Bonin	May 1822
454		Bourgeois, Celeste, wife of Valentin Landry	September 1822
457		Breaux, Adelaide, wife of Sylv. Broussard	October 1822
466		Boudreaux, François, wife of Hypolite Breaux	December 1822
467		Broussard, Marguerite, widow of George Taylor	December 1822
469		Broussard, Benjamin	January 1823
473		Baudin, Jean Charles, sale of the property	January 1823
474		Broussard, Joseph	March 1823
476		Blanchard, Frederick	March 1823
483		Berard, Baptiste, last will of	June 1823
496		Berteche, Marie Victorine, wife of Mathew G. Martin	November 1823
499		Broussard, Josephine, wife of Norbert LeBlanc	January 1824
501		Bijeu, Auguste	February 1824
502		Brown, Stephen	March 1824
503		Broussard, Sylvestre, last will of	March 1824
506		Boutté, Marie Anna, wife of Eloy Broussard, last will	April 1824
524		Bergeron, Pierre, père	December 1824
552		Bottom, Clark, an absentee from the state	April 1826
556		Broussard, Mathilde, wife of Pierre Breaux	July 1826
571		Breaux, Julien and his wife	April 1827
577		Bergeron, Eulalie, wife of Charles Delhomme, last will	June 1827
580		Broussard, Scholastique, late wife of P. Broussard, Jr.	July 1827
581		Bourg, Gertrude, Wid. of Amand Thibodeaux	July 1827
583		Bernier, Julien	August 1827
588		Boutté, François César, Sr., inventory of a tract of land	October 1827
592		Babineaux, David & Ozette Melançon, his wife	January 1828
595		Begnaud, François, Jr.	April 1828

ESTATE NO.	NAME	YEAR OPENED
611	Broussard, Pierre	December 1828
615	Broussard, Dosité & Marie Breaux, his wife	April 1829
631	Babineaux, Scholastique, wife of Pierre Periou	October 1829
637	Broussard, Alexandre	January 1830
647	Barras, Valery	June 1830
649	Breaux, Magdelaine, wife of Ros. Louviere	June 1830
656	Benoit, Anne, wid. of Armand Broussard	November 1830
661	Broussard, Edward Armand	January 1831
665	Bergeron, Eulalie, wife of Charles Delhomme	March 1831
675	Berard, Jean-Baptiste	June 1831
676	Baker, Isaac L.	July 1831
685	Belaire, Narcisse	January 1832
686	Benoit de St. Clair, Claire, last will (see no. 2714)	January 1832
690	Benoit, François St. Clair & Arthemise de Clouet	May 1832
691	Benoit de St. Clair, Clair, last will	May 1832
692	Breaux, Sylvania, wife of Dosité Breaux	May 1832
694	Bordat, Marie Marthe, wife of Jean Mouton, Sr.	June 1832
705	Broussard, Eloy	December 1832
706	Breaux, François	December 1832
707	Beauvais, Martin Ozenne	January 1833
710	Bourgeois, Marcelite, Wid. of Rosemond LeBlanc	March 1833
713	Ballew, Bennett	April 1833
714	Benoist de St. Clair, Clair, last will & estate of	May 1833
720	Bradner, James J.	July 1833
729	Bourgeois, Etienne & Celestie Landry	August 1833
732	Broussard, Elmire, dec'd wife of J. J. Rousseau	August 1833
736	Babineau, Aime, wife of Godefroy Guilbeau	September 1833
739	Bonin, Jean-Baptiste	September 1833
740	Bienvenu, Thomas Thimecourt, appt. of tutor	September 1833
744	Bienvenu, Thomas Thimecourt & wife	October 1833
745	Breaux, Agricole	November 1833
748	Bulliard, Etienne	February 1834
749	Broussard, Césaire	February 1834
753	Bonin, Suzanne, wife of Elot Dugas	March 1834
755	Bernard, Elmire, Valsin & Oscar, appt' of tutor	April 1834
756	Bernard, François, last will & estate	April 1834
765	Bonin, Joseph, Jr.	August 1834
768	Borrel, Louise, wife of Joseph Bonin	September 1834
783	Bienvenu, Chas. Thimoleon & wife	August 1835
795	Bourgeois, Scholastique, Wid. Charles Melancon	January 1836
796	Borella, Marcel	January 26, 1836
801	Beauvais, François	March 23, 1836
803	Bosque, Maria B., wife of Sebastien Castille	April 30, 1836
803bis	Broussard, Nicholas Colin	May 14, 1836
812	Bernard, Erasie, wife of Placide Martin	August 8, 1836
815	Bienvenu, Casimir & Louise C. Amelina Bienvenu	August 26, 1836

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821	Babin, Joseph, Jr.	November 21, 1836
822	Bonin, Joseph, Sr.	December 12, 1836
824	Berard, Aurelien	February 1, 1837
826	Bradley, Edward	March 31, 1837
831	Berard, Hypolite	June 28, 1837
838	Babineaux, Jean-Baptiste	June 28, 1837
841	Bonin, Pelagie, Wid. Frederick Louvière	July 28, 1837
853	Beauvais, Jean-Baptiste	November 14, 1837
855	Broussard, Suzanne, wife of Eloi J. Derouen	November 27, 1837
861	Broussard, Josaphat	January 20, 1838
862	Bonin, Anastasie, wife of Jn. Bte. Luz. Gonsoulin	February 1, 1838
864	Barras, Alexandre	March 31, 1838
869	Breaux, Alexandre	July 9, 1838
870	Babin, Celeste, wife of Gilbert Sonnier	July 29, 1838
875	Babineau, Ozite D., wife of Nich. Cormier	November 2, 1838
889	Borel, Victoire, Wid. Pierre Etie	October 14, 1839
893	Burke, William	November 14, 1839
895	Bailey, Louis A. H. J.	November 25, 1839
896	Brown, Daniel, last will	November 29, 1839
898	Beauvais, Marguerite Anna, wife of Henry Camors	December 21, 1839
916	Barras, Julien	November 21, 1840
917	Bowen, William W.	November 17, 1840
920	Broussard, Sylvestre, last will	December 15, 1840
932	Bonin, Baptiste	July 31, 1841
936	Bowles, Thomas E.	October 26, 1841
954	Bourgeois, Scholastique, wife of Zenon Bourque	April 9, 1842
967	Broussard, Paulonne, Wid. François Theriot	November 5, 1842
971	Barras, Lise	December 20, 1842
972	Bouvier, Eliza, wife of Edward Galtier	December 20, 1842
976	Bouillion, Nicholas	January 18, 1843
979	Babineaux, Aimée, wife of Godefroy Guilbeau	February 9, 1843
980	Bienvenu, Pierre Terville	February 29, 1843
1000	Bertrand, Paul	November 10, 1843
1003	Boutté, François César, Jr.	November 22, 1843
1005	Broussard, Julie, wife of Eloi Dugas	December 14, 1843
1007	Bienvenu, Joseph Therence	December 19, 1843
1008	Broussard, Don Louis	December 19, 1843
1011	Broussard, Clarisse, wife of Louis Dugas	January 22, 1844
1018	Bouilly, Denis Wilkes, appt. of tutor	April 19, 1844
1030	Broussard, François Despalrière	September 22, 1844
1034	Bradshaw, Thomas	November 29, 1844
1035	Babineaux, Don Louis	November 29, 1844
1036	Broutin, Charlotte, Wid. Marin Lenormand	Dec. 23, 1844
1040	Barras, Baptiste Alex. & Arthemise Nernult	January 30, 1845
1052	Broussard, Julie, wife of D. Broussard	August 13, 1845
1055	Bonin, Adele, wife of Valsin Borel	August 16, 1845



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1058	Broussard, Marie, f.w.c.	August 25, 1845
1081	Babineaux, Jean	February 21, 1846
1082	Broussard, Adelaide, wife of Don Louis Broussard	March 12, 1846
1091	Benoit, Remi, wife of Antoine Mallet, Sr.	April 18, 1846
1098	Brent, Chas. Vivian, appt. of tutor	May 15, 1846
1106	Broussard, Camille A., appt. of tutor	September 8, 1846
1114	Bonin, Belizaire	December 4, 1846
1115	Breaux, Celeste, f. w. c.	December 4, 1846
1127	Belaire, Rosalie	March 19, 1847
1135	Bonin, Irma Constance, wife of J. B. (Luz) Gonsoulin	June 9, 1847
1156	Bernard, Felicite, last will	December 3, 1847
1166	Bourgeois, Eugenie, appt. of tutor of Isaac Thibodeaux	February 25, 1848
1180	Bell, David	June 3, 1848
1187	Broussard, Emilie, wife of Desiré Dugas	July 15, 1848
1188	Brent, William L.	July 13, 1848
1194	Bulliard, Etienne	October 21, 1848
1197	Bonin, Camille	December 15, 1848
1198	Babineaux, Maximilien	December 6, 1848
1204	Baptiste, Dugas, f.w.c.	December 6, 1848
1205	Bijean, Ursin	January 25, 1849
1211	Barras, Clementine, Wid. Martin Wiltz	January 25, 1849
1234	Broussard, Clara, wife of Leon Broussard	October 11, 1849
1238	Bonin, Marcelite, wife of Valmont Richard	November 19, 1849
1241	Bedell, James	January 2, 1850
1248	Bernard, Edward	March 2, 1850
1252	Breaux, Hypolite	April 6, 1850
1259	Bertrand, Magdeline, wife of Antoine Quebedeau	July 22, 1850
1260	Bonin, Norbert	August 20, 1850
1263	Broussard, Edward	October 28, 1850
1265	Brousson, Vital	December 3, 1850
1287	Boulet, Joseph	April 4, 1851
1290	Bijean, Ursin, Jr.	May 8, 1851
1292	Bonvier, Suzanne, wife of Alph. Pineau	May 15, 1851
1293	Bonin, Emeranthe, wife of Dorestan Prince	May 21, 1851
1297	Broussard, Irma, wife of Hypolite Breaux	July 23, 1851
1301	Bernard, Aurore, Wid. Etienne Bulliard	September 4, 1851
1309	Bineau, Antoine	October 9, 1851
1319	Bonin, Louis	February 27, 1852
1322	Begnaud, Josephine, wife of Eugene Breaux	April 2, 1852
1331	Begnaud, Jean-Louis	May 12, 1852
1332	Barras, Alexandre H.	July 16, 1852
1333	Broussard, Alzire, wife Lezius LeBlanc	July 19, 1852
1883	Bartholeyns, Antoine	September 13, 1852
1337	Broussard, Sylvestre	November 4, 1852
1348	Bouleris, John Clairville, last will	December 28, 1852
1349	Boutté, François César	December 30, 1852

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1353	Bourgeois, marcelite, Wid. st. Claire Gonsoulin	January 20, 1853
1355	Broussard, Ursin	January 31, 1853
1359	Breaux, Melanie, Wid. Elise Dupuis	March 3, 1853
1373	Babin, Arthemise	May 21, 1853
1374	Barras, Alexandre	June 10, 1853
1375	Bouquevalte, Jurville & Cecile Dumouchet, his wife	April 17, 1853
1379	Bergeron, Marie Celina, wife of Jules Chataigne	July 7, 1853
1382	Briant, Paul	July 29, 1853
1384	Bergeron, Delphine, Wid. Alex. Delhomme	August 25, 1853
1385	Becnel, Felix	September 12, 1853
1398	Bartel, Jacques	December 19, 1853
1400	Brasher, Daniel A., emancipation	December 14, 1853
1401	Broussard, Ernest, emancipation	December 12, 1853
1402	Borghl, Joseph	January 7, 1854
1403	Broussard, Julie, wife of Emile Cormier	January 14, 1854
1405	Babineux, Aspasia, Wid. Syl. Broussard	January 28, 1854
1409	Broussard, Hermogene	February 4, 1854
1410	Breaux, Marie Constance, wife of Jean Berard	February 13, 1854
1418	Broussard, Jacques Sosthene	March 26, 1854
1419	Babineux, Joseph Theodore	April 7, 1854
1423	Boudreaux, Marie Oza, wife of Nicholas Cormier	May 9, 1854
1438	Barras, Eliza, emancipation	September 13, 1854
1449	Barras, Emile, emancipation	December, 14, 1854
1450	Bruno, Antoine	September 14, 1854
1455	Bernard, Modeste, f.w.c., wife of Narcisse, f.m.c.	February 5, 1854
1461	Bertrand, Scholastie Zelina, Wid. Louis Dautreuil	April 3, 1855
1483	Broussard, Clairville	October 31, 1855
1486	Bienvenu, Alfred	November 7, 1855
1487	Buisson, Frederick	November 9, 1855
1494	Breaux, Marguerite, wife of Edmond Pelletier	October 15, 1855
1496	Barras, Arcade	November 21, 1855
1507	Bertrand, Charles	December 20, 1855
1514	Bienvenu, Charles Timecourt	January 28, 1856
1517	Babin, Alexandre	February 15, 1856
1524	Breaux, Drauzin	March 15, 1856
1531	Bulliard, Edmond	May 15, 1856
1533	Borda, Modeste, wife of David Guidry	June 19, 1856
1538	Bonin, Jean-Baptiste	July 28, 1856
1543	Broussard, Marcelite, Wid. Jos. Lion	September 4, 1856
1549	Babineux, Marie Earzile, Wid. of Charles Theriot	December 30, 1856
1562	Bijean, Domesthene	April 7, 1857
1566	Babineux, Julie, wife of Jos. Aladin Melancon	June 12, 1857
1569	Breaux, Isabelle, Wid. Louis Bonin	July 18, 1857
1571	Bonin, Marie Elizabeth, wife of Leon Leleu	September 15, 1857
1577	Breaux, Henriette, Wid. Jean Pelletier	December 1, 1857
1579	Bourda, Pierre	December 7, 1857

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# Some Observations On Anglo-Saxon Settlers In Colonial Attakapas

By Glenn R. Conrad

Several years ago, while engaged in research in the Spanish colonial records of the Center for Louisiana Studies, I stumbled upon some apparently unrelated but nevertheless fascinating 1780 correspondence between the Spanish commandant of the Attakapas Post and his superiors in New Orleans.

In February of that year, the commandant, Alexandre Declouet, reported almost casually that two English families, headed by Richard and John Ellis, father and son, together with most of their belongings and about 100 slaves had arrived in Attakapas and were requesting land upon which to settle.<sup>1</sup> Shortly thereafter, Governor Bernardo de Gálvez acknowledged receipt of Declouet's report and informed the commandant that he knew the Ellises and was certain they would make good colonists.<sup>2</sup> Whether on his own, or at the governor's command, Declouet immediately instituted the procedure for granting land to the new arrivals.

Then, within a few months, Declouet informed Gálvez of an astonishing event. On June 24, the commandant reported that without forewarning about sixty Irish and German men, women, and children had arrived at this home requesting political asylum. He related that the newcomers claimed to be fleeing English religious persecution in western Pennsylvania. These "Anglais," as Declouet referred to the refugees, were destitute; therefore, he asked that the governor send emergency supplies as well as instructions concerning the group's future. In the meantime, the commandant and other established Attakapas families would take care of the tired and weary travellers.<sup>3</sup>

Well, you may recall that I published a small article in the Fall 1977 issue of the *Attakapas Gazette* in which I related these two seemingly unconnected events involving two groups of Anglo-Saxon settlers in Attakapas—the Ellises and the sixty or so individuals from Fort Pitt. Further research at the time also revealed that, about a year after the refugees arrived in the Attakapas, Spanish authorities became momentarily concerned about the loyalty of Anglo-Americans in the Attakapas. As a result of this concern, Declouet ordered that all "foreigners" turn over their weapons to the Attakapas militia. This was done, and a list of aliens in the district of Opelousas, Attakapas, and in New Iberia, was compiled as of May 15, 1781. This list, you may remember, was appended to my article in the *Gazette*.<sup>4</sup>

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1. Glenn R. Conrad, "Friend or Foe? Religious Exiles at the Opelousas Post," *Attakapas Gazette*, XII (1977), 137-40.

2. *Ibid.*

3. Alexandre Declouet to Bernardo de Gálvez, Opelousas, June 24, 1780. Archivo General de Indias. Papeles procedentes de la Isla de Cuba (hereafter cited as PPC, with legajo and folio numbers), legajo 193-B, folio 72.

4. Conrad, "Friend or Foe?", 139.

At first glance, this simple train of events, beginning in February 1780, and apparently ending in May, 1781, seems innocent enough, and so I adjudged it at the time, turning my attention once again to pending research. As the years have passed, many individuals, genealogists and others, have demonstrated an interest in, and often have referred to, my 1977 article. Therefore, when the decision was made to focus the papers of this year's annual meeting on the Anglo-Saxon contribution to South Louisiana, I leaped at the opportunity to return to earlier research into the little-known world of the Anglo-American pioneers of Acadiana.

Now, although possessed of some degree of experience in these matters, I nevertheless foolheartedly leaped head first into this morass of a project some two months ago. At the time, I fully envisioned a paper today which would neatly encapsulate the entire sweep of the Anglo-Saxon experience in the Opelousas and Attakapas districts. Instead, I find myself arriving before you today with what can only be termed a report on current research. Nevertheless, when evaluating this little more than superficial encounter with the English-speaking pioneers of Acadiana, I do not believe that I will be off the mark to conclude, when my research is completed, that their's was as great a cultural contribution to this area of our state as that of any other ethnic group.

That English-speaking individuals were entering the Opelousas and Attakapas districts before the arrival of the Natchez and Fort Pitt groups is a well-known fact, but their presence was quite limited in the predominately Creole environment. In 1773 the then commandant of the district, Gabriel Fuselier de la Claire, reported to Governor Unzaga that there were only three Englishmen in the districts. They were John Hamilton, a merchant, who had the governor's permission to conduct trade between New Orleans and the Teche country, and two carpenters, not named.<sup>5</sup>

Six years later, Francisco Bouligny, while discussing the founding of New Iberia, mentioned two Englishmen, Thomas Berwick and William Henderson, who were in charge of construction for the nascent village.<sup>6</sup> Berwick was a surveyor, possibly an engineer, in Spanish employ and apparently was a man of some means.

Berwick's colleague at New Iberia, William Henderson, lost no time in getting himself established in the new territory. As soon as his duties were completed, he acquired on November 18, 1779, in two separate purchases, nearly 500 arpents of land and a homestead on Bayou Teche just upstream from the Spanish settlement.<sup>7</sup> Then, as William Coker has written in his excellent article on the Luke Collins family in *Louisiana History*, the Collinses made their way into the Attakapas sometime between the fall of 1779 and the spring of 1780, precisely the same time that the Ellises arrived. Coker suggests that other pro-Spanish Anglo families from the Natchez area also entered Louisiana at the same time.<sup>8</sup> At any rate, the year 1780 may be said to mark the opening of the floodgates which brought an Anglo tide into Acadiana. The May, 1781, compilation of foreigners in the Opelousas and Attakapas districts renders 102 names which are apparently of Anglo-Saxon origin.<sup>9</sup> With Gálvez's capture of British Mobile in 1780 and Pensacola in 1781,

5. PPC, 189-A 44.

6. Cited in Gilbert C. Din, "Lieutenant Colonel Francisco Bouligny and the Malaguemo Settlement at New Iberia, 1779," *Louisiana History*, XVII (1976), 199.

7. St. Martin Parish, La., Original Acts (hereafter cited as SMOA), Book 1, Documents 113, 114.

8. William S. Coker, "Luke Collins Senior and Family: An Overview," *Louisiana History*, XIV (1973), 137-55.

9. Conrad, "Friend or Foe?", 139-40.

the number of Englishmen moving westward into Spanish Louisiana increased by leaps and bounds. For this reason, I have limited my current research to the Anglo-Saxon settlers of the Attakapas district and particularly those along Bayou Teche.

Anglos came to Louisiana for myriad reasons, most of them, however, common to other ethnic groups. Some were running from the American Revolution, and thus might be considered political refugees; some were fleeing religious intolerance; others were escaping from generations of ethnic degradation; but all sought the chance for a new start in life which only the frontier could provide. Such a refugee was Thomas Reid. After the Spanish capture of Natchez, Reid, an Irish domestic in the service of Colonel Alexander Dickson, the former British commandant, crossed the Mississippi River and struck out on his own in Louisiana. The only work he could get was as a herdsman, looking after the cattle of a Creole rancher. In time, however, he earned enough to buy a small farm on the Vermilion River, cleared a part of it, and planted corn.<sup>10</sup> Before long Reid became an active participant in the social life of Acadiana.

Reid's experience was to be shared by many Anglo immigrants. Most, like refugees in other times and other places, brought with them little more than a desire to make a better life for themselves and their families, even if that meant starting at the bottom of the social totem pole. Some had talents that they quickly put to work; others had little more than two willing hands to offer. A good example of the latter is to be found in the case of Thomas McFarland who, in 1792 contracted to work for Jean-Baptiste Boutté during the harvest and afterward as a woodchopper and general handyman. Boutté, in turn, agreed to provide McFarland with a horse and a salary of 100 *piastres* per year.<sup>11</sup>

Many Anglos followed Thomas Reid's experience in the Attakapas and began their adventure here as herdsmen on the *vacheries* (or ranches) of Creole landowners. In almost every instance, the Englishman and his Creole employer would enter into a contractual arrangement whereby the Anglo would agree to perform certain duties in return for compensation in kind and/or money. A few examples will suffice. Benjamin Andrus, only shortly arrived in Louisiana, contracted on November 23, 1780, with Louis Le Pelletier Delahoussaye to raise cattle on shares for a term of three years. Andrus obligated himself to care for the animals and, in addition, to employ his talents as a carpenter to build a house for Delahoussaye. The house was to measure 25 feet wide by 16 feet deep, it was to be *poteaux en terre* construction, covered with cypress planking, and having an 8-foot gallery on all four sides. For his efforts, Andrus was to be compensated with a tract of land 6 arpents wide by 40 arpents deep on both sides of Vermilion River.<sup>12</sup> The following year, Andrus entered into an agreement with another Creole, Bernard Dauterive, to care for nearly 300 head of cattle. The agreement was for two years, at the end of which Dauterive would compensate Andrus with a percentage of the offspring of the herd.<sup>13</sup>

In 1784, after his agreements with Delahoussaye and Dauterive terminated to everyone's satisfaction, Andrus contracted with another Creole, Dubuclet, to manage his *vacherie* at Parcerdu for 3 years for a percentage of the calves.<sup>14</sup> Thus, within a relatively short

10. SMOA, 11:176.

11. SMOA, 14:118.

12. SMOA, 2:31.

13. SMOA, 2:79.

14. SMOA, 4:40.

time, Andrus had become a property owner, securing the ingredients for a ranch of his own. From this beginning he went on to become a well-known, respected resident of the Attakapas and Opelousas areas.

Another example is found in the early Louisiana career of John Choate. He is listed among the "foreigners" compiled in 1781.<sup>15</sup> He is also probably among those Anglo families who arrived from Natchez. In 1790 Choate contracted with François Grevemberg to oversee Grevemberg's ranch for a period of three years. At the end of that time Choate would be compensated with land and animals.<sup>16</sup> John Choate and his family went on to become an outstanding family of St. Mary Parish.

Others among the English-speaking newcomers had talents or trades which they could pursue toward making a living. Many were tanners, cobblers, and saddlers. Robert Buchan, a Scot, recorded that he had come to Louisiana in 1773 and had plyed his shoemaking trade on plantations in Pointe Coupée, on the Acadian Coast, and for seven years in Attakapas, working on the plantations of Firman Breaux, Barite Landry and Benoist de Ste. Claire. Buchan apparently continued to follow his trade until his death.<sup>17</sup>

A common practice was for English-speaking leather workers to enter into agreements with Creole planters whereby the Anglo would teach his trade to one or more of the Creole's slaves. In 1783 Ebenezer Crane entered into such an agreement with the Chevalier Delahoussaye. Delahoussaye agreed to hire Crane, feed and lodge him, and to see that his clothing was laundered for a period of three years on the condition that Crane teach Delahoussaye's slave to make shoes for men and women. Crane also agreed that should the slave not master the art of shoemaking in three years, the contract would be extended for another year.<sup>18</sup> Crane, apparently a bachelor, later became a property owner in the St. Martinville area.<sup>19</sup>

Other English-speaking colonists offered to teach a trade and the rudiments of a common school education—reading, writing, and arithmetic. Ephraim Thornell, for example, agreed, shortly after arriving in New Iberia in 1781, to teach his carpenter's trade to two orphaned Anglo boys, 16-year old Creed West and his younger brother Joel. The boys were apprenticed to Thornell for a period of 7 years. During that time Thornell agreed to teach them to read, write, and calculate.<sup>20</sup>

By far the most extensive leather operation begun by the English-speaking newcomers was the partnership organized by Thomas Berwick, Joseph Carr, and the Spanish commandant of New Iberia, Nicolas Forstall. Berwick and Forstall agreed to provide leather-worker Carr with the buildings and tools necessary to start a tannery, plus a monetary compensation. Carr, in turn, would accept apprentices sent to him by Berwick and Forstall and all three would share equally in the profits of the enterprise.<sup>21</sup> Among the future appren-

15. Conrad, "Friend or Foe?", 139.

16. SMOA, 9:26.

17. SMOA, 10:37.

18. SMOA, 3:87.

19. SMOA, 20:39.

20. SMOA, 2:59.

21. SMOA, 3:2.

tices would be many of the orphaned boys of English-speaking settlers. At the same time, but in a separate contract, Berwick apprenticed his son, Thomas, Jr., to Carr for a period of seven years. Carr agreed to teach the young man his trade and the rudiments of education.<sup>22</sup>

Other Anglos would hire themselves out long enough to buy a schooner and with it launch themselves into the transportation business, carrying the products of the Creole plantations to New Orleans and returning with the manufacturers of the city. Two such entrepreneurs were George Anderson and James Clark who regularly transported trade goods up and down Bayou Teche.<sup>23</sup>

Then there were those individuals who were talented mechanics. Richard Workman, for example, contracted with another Anglo, Thomas Collins, to build a cotton gin and press at New Iberia. Theirs would be a partnership for 7 years. Collins supplied the land and construction materials for the gin, press, and a house for Workman. Workman provided the labor to set up the gin and press and to maintain the equipment for a period of 7 years. Any profits derived from the enterprise would be equally shared, but after termination of the contract the business would belong exclusively to Collins.<sup>24</sup>

In 1798, William Kirkwood agreed to build a sugarmill for Baptiste Boutté for the ultimate production of rum and tafia. Kirkwood also agreed to grow the sugarcane necessary for the mill's production. Again, profits would be shared.<sup>25</sup> In this case, however, it appears that Kirkwood was not only a talented mechanic but also a real entrepreneur. Perhaps, like Joseph Carr, Kirkwood was a native of, or had previously resided in, Jamaica.<sup>26</sup>

The opportunity cannot slip by without noting how research in one area tends to broaden horizons in other regards. The author's current research has definitely pushed back in time his conception of the starting date for sugarcane culture in the Bayou Teche region. In addition to the foregoing evidence, there is also a statement by Levi Davis to the effect that he was growing sugarcane on the lower Teche as early as 1796.<sup>27</sup> One begins to think twice about the often-repeated statement that French refugees from Haiti were the transmitters of the sugar culture to Louisiana. Certainly, the present evidence suggests that Anglos had a hand in bringing the culture to the Teche country.

Finally, there were those early English settlers who saw the need for commercial outlets in Acadiana and became, for all practical purposes, the area's first general merchandisers. Among these, the names of Thomas Collins, John Kershaw, Oliver Ormsby and Joseph Aborn come to mind.<sup>28</sup>

22. SMOA, 2:58.

23. St. Mary Parish, La., Estate 710.

24. SMOA, 21:41.

25. SMOA, 18:161.

26. SMOA, 15:75.

27. SMOA, 18:116.

28. For the commercial activities of these individuals, see the early records of St. Martin and St. Mary parishes.

There is little doubt, based upon extant evidence, that once the English-speaking newcomers to Acadiana were able to get on their feet, financially speaking, most became agriculturists. Certainly the vast majority acquired land, but their landholdings were of moderate size, usually ranging between 300 and 500 acres. One must never think, however, that these farms were ever in full production during the first two generations of the Anglo experience in Acadiana. The work of clearing the land was sheer drudgery which could leave an individual physically crippled or psychologically defeated. Sometimes the results were even more drastic. John Johnson, a farmer in the Bayou Salé area, was killed by a falling tree in 1789. For years afterward his widow and two small boys tried to eke out a living on the small amount of cleared land.<sup>29</sup> They failed, largely because neither the woman nor the children had the strength to fell trees, cut and burn briars, and wage the continuous war necessary to keep cleared land free of Louisiana's uncommonly lush horde of weeds.

Another Anglo, living on the Vermilion River, acknowledge when he went before the American land commissioners in early 19th century to give evidence of ownership that he had cleared only one acre. Another Anglo of that area, having no sons and working by himself, reported that he had spent most of the productive years of his manhood clearing ten acres of land.

Thus, it would be at least another generation before the efforts of the Anglo pioneers produced the surplus wealth necessary to invest in slave labor. A glance at the tax roll of St. Mary Parish for 1813 reveals two interesting facts: 1) the number of Anglos in the parish dramatically increased after the Louisiana Purchase; and 2) the wealth of the parish was such as to permit the acquisition of large numbers of slaves, or was it? Of the 990 slaves in St. Mary Parish in 1813, 468 or 47% were owned by Anglo-Saxons. But, of those 468 slaves, 299 or roughly 60% were owned by 5 Virginia families who had settled along the Teche after the Louisiana Purchase. The remaining 169 slaves were owned by the other 112 Anglo families living in the parish.<sup>30</sup> Clearly, then, the popular image of an emerging Anglo dominated, slaveowning aristocracy along Bayou Teche is only an illusion well into the nineteenth century. Even in the decades just before the Civil War, the vast majority of Anglo farmers or planters in the area could be considered little more than middle class.

In retrospect now, many of the Anglo-Saxon refugees coming to Louisiana in the colonial era claimed that they wanted freedom to practice religion as they saw fit. Certainly this is true of the Catholics from Fort Pitt. Evidence found in Hebert's *Southwest Louisiana Records* tends to bear out the immigrants' claims. For example Thomas Beard of Londonderry, Ireland, married Bridgit Kennan, also Irish, in July, 1780, one of the several marriages among the group taking place shortly after arrival in Acadiana.<sup>31</sup> For the most part, as is true with other ethnic groups, the first generation Anglos tended to marry among themselves. But, no one needs to be reminded that love knows no bounds, not even ethnicity, and soon Anglos and Gallicans were intermarrying.

Interestingly enough, not all English-speakers entering Louisiana were Roman Catholics. Many were Anglicans, Methodists, and Presbyterians who, somehow or other, had invaded

29. The account of Johnson's death is found in *American State Papers*, III, 136.

30. Glenn R. Conrad, comp., "List of Persons Subject to Taxation in the Parish of St. Mary in the Year 1813," *Atakapas Gazette*, XII (1977), 195-97.

31. The marriage contract between this couple is found in SMOA, 2:35.



the domains of His Most Catholic Majesty. Nevertheless, the current research indicates that the Protestants were not the victims of Spanish religious biases as is frequently implied, at least not in the Attakapas region. A good case in point is found in the marriage contract of Joseph Carr and Ann White.<sup>32</sup> The document clearly states that the couple will be married according to the rites of the Protestant religion.

Thus, those seeking religious tolerance found it in Acadiana and no doubt contributed their share to the area's "live-and-let-live" attitude.

The history of the Anglo pioneers of Acadiana is far from told, but the brief outlines of that story emerging from this research is pointing to the fact that, like many of their Gallican neighbors, many Anglo pioneers of the eighteenth century were refugees from political, religious, or economic persecution. Like some other of their Gallican neighbors, some Anglophones were adventurers seeking easy fortune where there was only hard work, and, as in the case of most adventurers, they quickly departed the region or died trying to do so. Those who persevered, building a future block by block, are the ones who contributed most to South Louisiana's heritage. It is their descendants who today continue to interact with the descendants of other refugee or exiled families to enrich the culture of the melting pot that is Acadiana.

32. SMOA, 15:75.

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## PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

*Index of New Orleans Confirmations, 1789 - 1841* is a remarkable job, for which the compiler, the Rev. Donald J. Hebert, is to be commended. Separated into the following categories: A- Persons confirmed; B- Parents; C- Sponsors. the volume is a helpful guide in using Alice Forsyth's *Confirmaciones*, a resource book for genealogists with Louisiana ancestors. This book includes records of Confirmations in New Orleans from 1789 to 1841.

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GEBERT OAK  
New Iberia



# No Poem As Lovely As A Tree

## Gebert Oak

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In April 1935 the Gebert Oak, on East Main Street in New Iberia, became a member of the Live Oak Society. Then estimated to be 100 years old, it measured 17.0 feet in circumference. Measured again in April 1985, this magnificent oak is 20 feet in circumference, having grown 3 feet in the last 50 years.

The beginning of this mighty tree is tinted with nostalgia, since legend tells that it sprang up or was planted about a child's grave,<sup>2</sup> and its lifetime is woven into the fabric of successive ownerships of the property upon which it has flourished.

Since earliest records, when it was part of a Spanish grant to Joseph Carlin, until Frederick Gates bought it in 1885,<sup>3</sup> the lot on which the tree stands was unimproved. Soon after purchasing the lot, however, Gates built his house on the northeast side of the tree. December 31, 1901, Gates' widow sold the place to Mrs. Annie Lee Gebert, whose son, Lee Gebert, sponsored the tree for membership in the Live Oak Society.

This beautiful work of nature is now the property of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Bewely, who bought the place from the Gebert heirs in 1978.

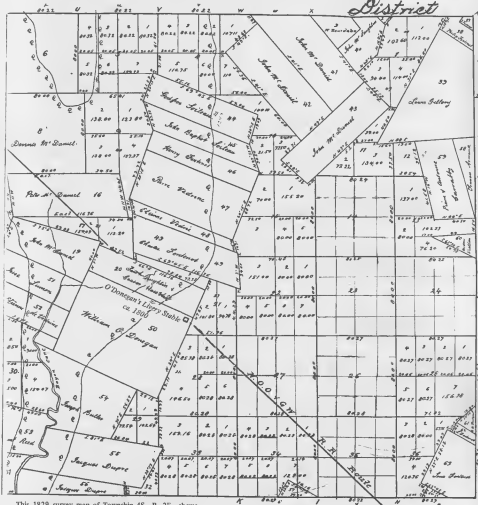
1. Edwin L. Stephens, "The Live Oak Society," *Louisiana Conservation Review* (April, 1935), 32.  
The standard for measuring trees is to take measurement four feet from the ground.

2. The legend tells that the tree marks the grave of a Marsh (or Morse) child. At the time Nathan Morse, owner of the property, and his brother-in-law and business partner, Jonas Marsh, lived in the houses on the tract of land west of the lot where the oak tree stands. Nathan Morse died in 1834. September 15, 1835, his widow sold all the property, except that of the Morse and Marsh residences, to John Fitz Miller. In 1839, Mrs. Morse sold the property with the two houses to Miller.

3. Frederick Gates bought the lot from John Emmer. Before Emmer, the land had eight owners. From Joseph Carlin, original owner, it went to Philip Boutte, to John Kershaw, to Edward C. Nicholls, to Nathan Morse, to John Fitz Miller, to Citizen's Bank of New Orleans, to Mrs. John R. Davis, and then to John Emmer.

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*South Western  
District*



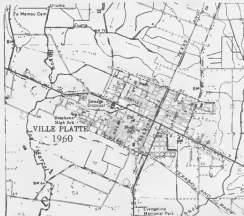
This 1829 survey map of Township 4S., R. 2E., shows land claims certified in late 1811 and early 1812, and about which the town of Ville Platte sprang up. The map also indicates the site of William O'Donagan's livery stable and blacksmith shop built about 1800. The line between Section 50 (Wm. O'Donagan) and Section 20 (Frank S. Laughlin and C. Hanchet) is the present Main St. of Ville Platte.

First public land sale was in July of 1829. The list which follows gives public land sales between July 1829 and December 1855.

Surveyors Office Washington - Md June 10<sup>th</sup> 1829  
 I hereby certify the above plat to be a true copy of the Original  
 returned to this office and which has been examined and approved  
 J. S. Fowler  
 Surveyor of the public  
 lands South of Maryland

# 1860 Census OF THE Ville Platte Area

By Albert Tate, Jr.



Ville Platte, presently a community of some ten thousand population, is the parish seat of Evangeline Parish in southwestern Louisiana. Then in the western portion of St. Landry Parish, in 1858 Ville Platte was created and made a body corporate by Act 97 of 1858 by the Louisiana legislature, signed by the governor on March 16, 1858. The statute provided for corporate limits of one mile square, "having a point in the middle of the actual public road leading from Opelousas to Alexandria, opposite to Marcel Daire's store as its centre." This public road is presently U. S. Highway 167 and is the Main Street in Ville Platte. In the 1860 census compilation to follow, Marcel Daire is enumeration No. 1319; his store was in the immediate vicinity of his residence.

Unlike the 1870 and later censuses, the 1860 census enumerator did not separately enumerate an area designated as "Ville Platte." In 1870, for instance, so separately enumerated, Ville Platte had a population of 135 and contained 31 dwelling houses. (Tate, "Ville Platte in 1870," *Louisiana Genealogical Register*, XXX, No. 2 (Sept., 1983), 107-12.) However, by comparison with the 1870 census, it is possible with some degree of accuracy to fix the enumerations within the limits of Ville Platte.

In general, the census enumerator apparently first enumerated dwelling houses on the south side of the Opelousas highway, continuing through Main Street, and then in enumeration continued onto the north side of Main Street and thence into the Tate Cove area north of the town. The transcription below will tabulate enumerations No. 1312 through No. 1341 (30 households, 141 persons). It is believed, however, that at most only enumerations 1315-1338 (24 households; 116 persons) were within the town limits.

The enumeration transcribed below was made on October 1 and 2, 1860, and is on pages 202-206 of the 1860 federal census of St. Landry Parish. The enumeration was of "free inhabitants." Useful for the genealogist, it designated married females by their maiden surnames, and for place of birth it designated the parish in Louisiana, the state, or the foreign nation of each individual. The 14 columns of data for each individual included "Married within the year" (column 11; none in present enumeration), "Attended school within the year" (column 12; 29 of those enumerated), "Persons over twenty years of age who cannot read and write" (column 13; 9 of those enumerated), and "Whether deaf, dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict" (column 14; none of those enumerated). No attempt will be made in the following tabulation to indicate the data in these last four columns. The remaining data reflected will be tabulated as follows:

**Enumeration Number:** Columns 1 and 2 respectively enumerated the dwelling houses and families numbered in the order of visitation; in all instances, the enumeration number was the same, so only this number will be indicated.

**Name:** Column 3 listed, for first name followed by surname, the "name of every person whose actual place of abode on the first of June 1860 was in this family." In the case of married females, their maiden surname was indicated. In the tabulation below, the married names of female heads of household (where ascertainable from the 1870 census) will be added in parentheses following the enumerated maiden surname. For purposes of the present tabulation, each individual will be listed by capitalized surname, followed by first name.

**Age, Sex, and Color:** This data is reflected by columns 4, 5, and 6 (the latter, "Color," requesting notation of white, black (B), or mulatto (M), and will follow each name enumerated. However, where the person is enumerated as white, the enumerator made no entry; likewise, where no color is indicated below, the individual was so enumerated as white. Except for three of the persons noted as mulattos in household No. 1325, all enumerated persons in the tabulation are shown as white.

**Occupation:** Column 7 listed the "Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each persons, male or female, over 15 years of age." In the tabulation, this information (whenever reflected on the enumeration) will be noted on the line following the name and age, etc., data.

**Property Valuation:** Column 13 ("Value of Real Estate") and Column 14 ("Value of personal property") will be tabulated under each name below as "R" and "P", followed by a dollar figure, where this information is reflected on the census enumeration. "Personal property" included slaves, who were not individually included on this census enumeration of free inhabitants. In the case of the "planters" enumerated, column 14 (personal property) invariably greatly exceeded the value of the real estate reflected in column 13. Except for the personal property (their stock in trade, mostly) tabulated as to the merchants, it is probable that any large personal property valuation was attributable to the value of slaves then owned.

**Place of birth:** Will be designated as to each individual by "b. ----" when shown as in a Louisiana parish other than St. Landry, another state, or a foreign nation. In most instances, the enumerator designated the place of birth as "St. Landry"; this information will not be included in the following tabulation; where no place of birth is tabulated below, the enumerator showed it as "St. Landry." There were 16 persons of foreign birth reflected in the enumerations tabulated, 14 from France, 1 from Canada, and 1 from Switzerland. Of those tabulated, 5 were born in Louisiana parishes other than St. Landry, and 7 persons in American states other than Louisiana.

TRANSCRIPTION OF PERSONS ENUMERATED IN THE VILLE PLATTE AREA  
IN 1860 FEDERAL CENSUS OF ST. LANDRY PARISH

(NOTE: Any information in parentheses was added by the transcriber and not included on the census enumerator. The numbers in parentheses refer to the notes that follow this tabulation.)

(From page 202 of the census)

#1312

SOILEAU, Jean Bte., Jr., 33-M  
Planter, R,\$2,000, P,\$11,000  
GUILLORY, Elodie, 35-F  
SOILEAU, John, 13-M  
" , Depuisi, 10-M  
" , Amelie, 8-F  
GUILLORY, Alcide L., 10-M

#1313

DOSSMAN, F. J., (Jr.), 24-M  
Carpenter, P,\$1,500, R,\$1,770; b. France  
DOSSMAN, Charles, 21-M  
Carpenter; b. France

#1314

(1) TETE (TATE), Emile, 21-M  
Coffee house keeper; P,\$150, R,\$3,000  
LAFLEUR, Mary K. (L?), 22-F  
TETE, Edmonia, 5/12-F  
MA(R)CANTELLE, Celeste, 16-F

#1315

GUILLORY, Onexine, 37-M  
Planter; R,\$4,000; P,\$7,400  
GARAND, Hyacinthe, 33-F  
GUILLORY, Armide, 4-F  
GUILLORY, Roste, 2-M

#1316

(2) VIDRINE (GARAND), Hyacinthe, 66-F  
Planter, R,\$2,000, P,\$9,000  
GARAND, Jean B., 27-M  
Bras(s) turner, P,\$2,600

#1317

TETE (TATE), Hilair, Jr., 32-M  
Planter, R,\$2,000, P, \$7,900  
GARAND, Cidalise, 29-F  
TETE, Arthur, 8-M  
" , Mary C., 6-F  
" , Oscar, 2-M

#1318

COREIL, M(arius), 48-M  
Merchant, R,\$2,000, P,\$10,000,  
b. France  
SOILEAU, Hyacinthe G., 41-F  
COREIL, Hypolite A., 17-M  
Clerk

COREIL, Alfreda, 12-F

(Page 203 Of census)

COREIL, Mary S., 11-F  
" , Coralee F., 10-F  
" , Theodore, 8-M  
" , Leopole T., 5-M  
" , Hyacinthe A., 3-F

#1319

(3) DAIRE, Marcel, 45-M  
Merchant, R,\$3,900, P,\$28,000,  
b. France  
VIDRINE, Delfine, 42-F  
DAIRE, Marceline, 19-F  
" , Prospere, 17-M,  
Clerk  
DAIRE, Octave, 15-M  
" , Octavie, 13-F  
" , Amelie, 10-F  
" , Delphine, 7-F  
" , Marcel, Jr., 4-M  
DUOS, Bernard, 24-M  
Laborer, P,\$300  
b. France

#1320

REED, William, 54-M  
Merchant, R,\$4,500, P,\$9,700  
b. parish Baton Rouge  
GARAND, Julie, 39-F  
REED, Thomas, 20-M  
Clerk  
REED, Bridgette, 17-F  
" , Elizabeth, 15-F  
" , Clara, 13-F



## #1320 (cont'd)

REED, William, Jr., 12-M  
 " , Corine, 10-F  
 " , Clinton, 7-M  
 " , Alfred, 4-M

## #1321

HOY, Jeanette, 41-F  
 Institutrisse (Instructress?)  
 b. France  
 HOY, William, 10-M  
 b. Canada

## #1322

(4) CAZAUX, Jean P., 29-M  
 Tanner, R, \$6,000, P, \$13,000;  
 b. France  
 CAZAUX, Dominique, 39-M  
 Tanner; b. France  
 CARCELLAC, Bernard, 16-M  
 Laborer; b. France

## #1323

GUILLORY, Azelie, 25-F  
 Seamstress, R, \$1,500; P, \$300  
 ANDRUS, Adolphe, 8-M  
 " , Albert, 6-M  
 " , Homer, 4-M

## #1324

(5) BECK (McFARLAND), Eliza H., 42-F  
 Seamstress, R, \$200, P, \$300;  
 b. South Carolina  
 MACFRANT (intended? "McFarland")  
 (ROUSSEAU), Suzane E., 28-F  
 Seamstress; b. Avoyelles (Parish)  
 ROUSSEAU, Martin, 6-M  
 ROUSSEAU, Ralf, 3-M  
 (Page 204 of census)  
 MCFARLAND, Edgar, 10/12-M  
 " , Ocard, 10/12-M

## #1325

LACHAPPELLE, Joseph, 27-M-M  
 Blacksmith, R, \$2,500, P, \$9,000  
 ROBB (?BOBB), Elizabeth, 27-F-M  
 LACHAPPELLE, Helaine, 3/12-F-M  
 DAIRY(?DAIRJ), J. T., 18-M  
 Blacksmith

## #1326

(6) DAVIDSON, L. P., 30-M  
 Druggist, R, \$550, P, \$1,300;  
 b. St. Mary (Parish)  
 HAISS (?HAIRS), Mary, 62-F  
 P, \$200, b. Pensilvena (Pennsylvania)

## #1327

BAY, Joseph P. (TB.), 60-M  
 Carage (Carriage) Maker, R, \$200;  
 P, \$1,000; b. Pensilvane (Pennsylvania)  
 PITRE, Celis, 45-F  
 BAY, Joseph, Jr., 21-M  
 Laborer, P, \$100  
 BAY, Louisa, 18-F  
 " , Sophie, 14-F  
 " , Emerite, 11-F  
 " , Paul, 5-M  
 " , Theodosia, 3-F

## #1328

LAPROU (ATTALES), Jeane, 44-F  
 Seamstress, R, \$100, P, \$300, b. France  
 ATALE, Homer, 11-M  
 " , Auguste, 9-M  
 " , Augustine, 14-F

## #1329

GUILLAUMIN, Paul Te Eugne, 46-M  
 Teacher, notary; R, \$2,000, P, \$3,000;  
 b. France, Versailles  
 deBAILLON, Odile, 18-F  
 (his wife, Odile DEBAILLON)  
 GUILLAUMIN, Pauline, 3-F

## #1330

FONTENOT, Marie Josephe, 44-F  
 (a DEBAILLON widow); Planter,  
 R, \$2,000, P, \$9,500  
 deBAILLON, Ernest, 23-M  
 Planter, P, \$500  
 deBAILLON, Eulalie, 20-F  
 " , Emma, 14-F  
 " , Augustine, 12-F

## #1331

MONIE(R), Louis, 41-M  
 Laborour, P, \$50; b. France

## #1331 (cont'd)

ORTEIGA (ORTEGO), Mary C., 38-F  
 MONIE, Louis, 7-M  
 " , Louise, 5-F  
 " , Julia, 3-F  
 " , Philipe, 6/12-M

## #1332

LATOURE, Alexis, 52-M  
 Merchant, R, \$3,500, P, \$17,350,  
 b. France  
 DOUCET, Catherine, 47-F  
 LATOUR, Emile, 17-M  
 Clerk  
 LATOUR, Honore, 13-F  
 " , Homer, 11-M  
 (Page 205 of census)  
 LATOUR, Ophelia, 8-F  
 SOSSIER, Emile, 21-M  
 Laborer

## #1333

STAGG, Louis, 27-M  
 Merchant, R, \$2,200, P, \$2,000  
 LATOUR, Louise, 19-F  
 STAGG, Alexis L., 2-M

## #1334

GOBER, Daniel, 31-M  
 Doctor, R, \$7,000, P, \$12,000  
 b. State Georgia  
 COMPTON, Rozalie, 24-F  
 b. Kentucky  
 GOBER, Mattie E., 10-F  
 GOBER, Marguerite T., 8-F  
 b. Avoyelles (Parish)  
 GOBER, Stella Sue, 6-F  
 " , William E., 4-M

## #1335

McDAVITT, M., 26-M  
 Doctor, R, \$2,300, P, \$9,000  
 b. Kentucky  
 HOY, C. D., 23-F  
 b. Switzerland  
 McDAVITT, Martha T., 1-F

## #1336

DE LAFOSSE (DELAFOSSSE), Cyprien,

## #1336 (cont'd)

41-M, Merchant, R, \$1,000, P, \$8,000  
 GUILLORY, Dometile, 37-F  
 DE LAFOSSE, Azelma, 3-F  
 " , Octave, 1-M  
 GUILLORY, Emile L., 6-M  
 " , Mary A., 5-F

## #1337

Ortego, Joseph T., 24-M  
 Clerk, P, \$1,200  
 COULEAU, Ernestine, 19-F  
 " , Alphonse, 17-F  
 Laborer

## #1338

COULEAU, Etienne, 43-M  
 Boucher (Butcher), R, \$1,500,  
 P, \$2,600, b. France  
 DOUCET, Adrienne, 46-F  
 COULEAU, Ermina, 7-F

## #1339

VIDRINE, (?) Phrude Z., 34-M  
 Planter, R, \$10,000, P, \$13,000  
 CARRIERE, Apoline, 40-F  
 VIDRINE, Apoline, 14-F  
 " , Adelle, 10-F  
 " , Adelaide, 7-F  
 " , Amilie, 3-F  
 " , Alvina, 9/12-F  
 SOIGNE, Portalisse, 11-M

## #1340

VIDRINE, Pierre, 37-M  
 Planter, R, \$3,000, P, \$13,000  
 FONTENOT, Ceesie, 37-F  
 VIDRINE, Pierre, Jr., 15-M  
 " , Leandre, 14-M  
 " , Onezime, 12-M

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VIDRINE, Sebastien, 10-M  
 " , Folanie, 8-M  
 " , Mary E., 6-F  
 " , Cleophas, 2-M

## #1341

REED, John, 56-M  
 Planter, R, \$4,500, P, \$17,000

#1341 (cont'd)

FONTENOT, Marguerite, 55-F

SANSUQUE, Francois, 37-M

Teacher, P, \$100, b. France

## NOTES

1. Emile Tate was probably living outside the town limits at the time, although he operated a coffee house within the city limits. La. Act 97 of 1858, which had created Ville Platte as a municipality, provided that the first election of town officers would take place at the coffee house of Theophile Fontenot. By a letter to the writer dated September 6, 1984, Jules R. Ashlock, a grandson of Emile Tate and a lawyer, former editor, and historian, informs me that this coffee house was located on a corner of the Marcel Daire property (the southeast corner at the intersection of present Main and Court Streets, Ville Platte), where the present city hall is located in the former Evangeline Bank & Trust Company building. The Theophile Fontenot coffee house subsequently became the Emile Tate Coffee House, operated by Emile until his death in 1891. After Marcel Daire (enumeration No. 1319 in the 1860 census) died, Emile Tate purchased his property, about five acres running south of present Main Street between Evangeline Drive and Court Street of today's Ville Platte.

2. Hyacinthe Vidrine is the widow by his second marriage of Marcelin Garand, who had owned much of the property south of present-day Main Street, Ville Platte. Marcelin Garand (1781-1852) was an adjutant major in the Napoleonic armies; he migrated to and married in the Ville Platte area soon after the Emperor's final defeat in 1814. Garand is commonly called the "father of Ville Platte" because of his efforts to secure the incorporation of the town, as well as his encouragement in establishing a commercial center at that place. "The Tale Told of Those Pioneers Who Settled Ville Platte 130 Years Ago," *Ville Platte Gazette*, July 2, 1932; see also R. Gahn, *The Opelousas Country* (Baton Rouge, 1972), p. 41. According to that newspaper account, Garand's only son died without issue. Three of Garand's sons-in-law—Onezime Guillory (No. 1315), Hilaire Tate, Jr. (No. 1317), and William Reed (No. 1320)—are in the above 1860 enumeration. Reed was operating a mercantile establishment in 1860, continued after his death by his son; by the 1870 census, Tate was also operating one of the large stores in this agricultural center. Garand was the first postmaster (1842-1852) of the present Ville Platte post office, established in 1842. "Postmasters of Town," *Ville Platte Gazette*, Centennial issue, September 18, 1958, page 5.

3. In the 1860 census, Marcel Daire operated the largest store in Ville Platte. He served as postmaster of Ville Platte 1858-1860, when he was replaced by Laclair Davidson (enumeration No. 1326). "Postmasters of Town." The records of the Secretary of State of Louisiana do not presently contain information as to the first persons elected to the five-person Town Council in May, 1858, who among themselves elected a "president" (official title; commonly referred to as the "mayor" (president) was Daire, Alexis Latour (enumeration No. 1332), or Marius Corell (enumeration No. 1318), the three largest merchants in town. In the Centennial Edition of the *Ville Platte Gazette*, September 18, 1858, p. 2, two documents are reproduced, which show Marius Corell signing as "president" in (undated) 1868 or 1869 issuance of a license to a retail merchant for the year ending December 31, 1869.

The location of Marcel Daire's property and the subsequent sale of it to Emile Tate is described in note 1 above. However, prior to Emile Tate's acquisition of the bulk of Marcel Daire's property, a two-acre strip from the east end of it was transferred to the town of Ville Platte, with about 100 feet frontage running south (the land south of Main Street to Cotton Street between South Corell Street and Evangeline Drive, on which the City Court, City Police Station, City Jail, and Chamber of Commerce are presently located). The strip had been acquired by the town in 1879 for a school building, and this first school of the area was operated as the Evangeline Academy until 1919, then being the city's only high school. M. R. Fontenot, *Ville Platte in Retrospect* (Ville Platte, 1984), p. 24. Although the transfer to the city is formally a sale, the oral tradition of the Daire descendants is that in fact the land was donated by Marcel Daire or his heirs in order to found the town's first school.

4. In the 1932 "Tale Told of Those Pioneers" article cited in note 2 above, it is stated: "The Cazeaux brothers, five of them, occupied the place where J. D. Lafleur and Moise LeBas now live. [In present-day Ville Platte, this would include the property south of Main Street from part of the block east of Young Street westward to include part of the block beyond Soliman Street, the next street westward of Young. Macauley's Furniture Store is on the Young Street corner and Briggs' Electric Shop on the Soliman Street corner.] They operated a tannery there. However, no record of them remains as they never married. Finally, after they had made their fortunes, they returned to France." In the 1870 Ville Platte census, the Cazeaux tannery site was apparently occupied by the tannery operated by Auguste Molitor, a migrant from Prussia. See, "Ville Platte in 1870," *Louisiana Genealogical Register*, XXX, No. 2 (June, 1983), 107, 111.

5. In the 1870 census, "Ville Platte in 1870," article cited in note 4 above at p. 111, the two females of this 1860 census are enumerated by their married names, Eliza McFarland and Susan Rousseau. "Edgar McFarland," the ten-month old boy of this 1860 enumeration, is shown in the 1870 enumeration as Edgar Rousseau, father foreign-born, and it is quite probable that the 1860 enumerator inadvertently denoted the Rousseau baby as McFarland, his mother's maiden name (and the married name of his grandmother, the head of the household).

6. The "Postmasters of Town" article cited in note 2 above states that in 1860 Marcel Duire was replaced as postmaster of Ville Platte by Laclair Davidson, who held the post until 1866.

WILLIAM O'DONEGAN, CA. 1750-1810,  
THE FIRST SETTLER AND TRADESMAN OF THE  
VILLE PLATTE, LOUISIANA, AREA

William O'Donegan is an important figure in the history of the Ville Platte area. During Spanish times, from 1785 and following, he acquired title to most of the land originally included in the city limits of Ville Platte when it was incorporated in 1858. In 1800 or so O'Donegan built his livery stable and blacksmith shop on the public road from Opelousas to Alexandria, which ran through his land at what is now the intersection of Ville Platte's Main Street (Highway 167) and Chatagnier Street (Highway 29). His building, still standing in 1905, still then known as the O'Donegan Building. This became a stopping place for travellers on the highway. Ceasar Hanchett and Frank Laughlin set up a leathersmith shop next door, and a village (later Ville Platte) came into being when other settlers and tradesmen established themselves near to O'Donegan's business center.

O'Donegan died shortly before 1810, and much of his Ville Platte property was acquired during the 1820s by Marcellin Garand (1781-1852), a Napoleonic veteran born in Savoy, France, who came to the Ville Platte area shortly before 1821, when he married Brigitte Soileau. (He was widowed within four years and, in 1825, married for a second time to Hyacinthe Vidrine.) Garand kept a tavern there, at which travellers stopped, and he secured in 1842 the establishment of the first post office (Known as "Ville Platte") within the limits of what in 1858 was incorporated as the municipality of Ville Platte. He served as postmaster until his death in 1852. Three of his sons-in-law, William Reed, Onczime Guilory, and Helaire Tate, Jr., established principal Main Street stores on the O'Donegan/Garand property. Although the incorporation of Ville Platte occurred in 1858 after Garand's death, he is known as the father of Ville Platte because of his earlier efforts to secure its incorporation. As the above account indicates, perhaps William O'Donegan should be known as the grandfather, at least, of Ville Platte.

William O'Donegan apparently died before the 1810 federal census of St. Landry Parish, but after 1806 (when he donated part of his property to his daughter, Eleanor, then wife of William Knox). William's estate proceedings were opened in January, 1812 (Probate Docket No.35, St. Landry Parish), and by it the 800-arpent (20 arpents by 40 arpents) "plantation and last residence of said deceased in the Grand Prairie of Opelousas" was sold to William G. Knox, the decedent's son-in-law. By its description of neighbors, it was the land comprising most of present-day Ville Platte east of Chatagnier Street, and it was part of the 1,200-arpent tract on a branch of Bayou Cannes to which the "Heirs and legal reps. of William O'Donnaghan" received confirmation of American title to his Spanish acquisition of the same, by Certificate B-1920 issued March 5, 1812. (*American State Papers: Public Lands* [Washington, D. C., 1834], II, 856.) The other 400 arpents, ten arpents by forty, had been donated by O'Donegan to his daughter Eleanor in 1806; it bounded the O'Donegan place on the west.

PUBLIC LAND SALES IN T. 4S, R. 2E.,  
1829-1855

DATE	NAME	SECTION	ACRES
Oct. 7, 1829	Pierre Vidrine	Lot. 3, Sec. 28	85
	André Deshotels	Lot 1, Sec. 29	102
July 12, 1830	Wid. Adam Tate	Lot __, Sec. 1	214
Oct. 4, 1830	Leg. Reps. John Acres	Lot 3, Sec. 21	73
Nov. 24, 1830	Julien Guillory	Lot 2, sec. 11	72
March 14, 1831	Cyprien Fontenot	Lot 1, Sec. 11	59
April 30, 1831	Colon Fontenot	E 1/2, NW 1/4, Sec. 14	80
May 19, 1831	Wid. Zenon Bordelon	Lot 3, Sec. 1	94
May 30, 1831	Jean-Baptiste Vidrine	Lot 2, Sec. 17	104
Aug. 4, 1832	André Deshotel	Lot 2, Sec. 29	73
Aug. 24, 1832	Louis L. Fontenot	Lot 3, Sec. 11	134
Oct. 11, 1832	André Petrovich	Lot 4, Sec. 22	80
Sept. 30, 1833	Ange Soileau	Lot 4, Sec. 1	104
May 25, 1835	Heirs of Eliz. Cockran	E 1/4, NW 1/4, Sec. 27	80
	Late wife of John McDaniel		
June 16, 1836	Henry Fontenot	Lots / & 7, Sec. 33	160
Aug. 4, 1836	August J. B. Fontenot	NE1/2, SE1/2, Sec. 35	80
Aug. 4, 1836	Augustin L. Fontenot	Lot 4, Sec. 33	80
Feb. 20, 1839	Joseph A. Soileau	W1/2, NW1/4, Sec. 14	80
July 25, 1839	Alexis Latour	Lot 2, Sec. 21	101
July 26, 1839	Alexis Latour	Lot 1, Sec. 21	94
Oct. 5, 1840	Etienne Couleau	W1/2, NW1/4, Sec. 27	80
Oct. 5, 1840	Mme. Pierre Vidrine	Lot 2, Sec. 28	80
Oct. 6, 1841	Antoine Attales	E1/2, NE1/4, Sec. 28	80
June 2, 1841	Olivier Lafleur	Lot 2, Sec. 34	80
Aug. 20, 1841	Etienne & Augustin Vidrine	Lot 3, Sec. 22	151
Oct. 21, 1841	Andrew Deshotel	Lot 5, Sec. 28	79
Jan. 20, 1846	Jean-Bte. Landreneau	Frac. 31	80
July 8, 1848	Auguste Bordelon	Lot 2, Sec. 22	40
Oct. 2, 1848	Marcellin Garand	Lot 5, Sec. 22	80
Oct. 23, 1848	Auguste Fontenot	Frac. 25	40
June 12, 1849	Edouard Dardeau	NE1/4, NW1/4, & E1/2 NE1/4, Sec. 5	80
Dec. 26, 1849	Wm. Reid & Marcel Daire	Lot 1, Sec. 17	112
Feb. 16, 1850	Edouard Dardeau	Frac. 5	120
Aug. 16, 1850	Joseph S. Fontenot	NE1/4, NW1/4, Sec. 34	40
Oct. 14, 1850	André Deshotel	Lots, 3, 4, Sec. 30	235
Nov. 17, 1851	André Vidrine	NW1/4, NW1/4, Sec. 29	40
Dec. 2, 1851	Marcel Daire	E1/2, SE1/4, Sec. 28	80
Jan. 16, 1852	Jean H. Juge	SW1/4, Sw1/4, Sec. 34	40
May 25, 1852	Alexandre Deville	NW1/4, SW1/4, Sec. 26 & SE1/4, SW1/4, Sec. 26 NE1/4, SE1/4, Sec. 27	120

DATE	NAME	SECTION	ACRES
Sept. 7, 1852	Eloi Vidrine	Lot 4, Sec. 4	80
Dec. 6, 1852	Myrza Fontenot, Wd. Auguste Debailion	SE1/4, NE1/4, Sec. 35	40
Dec. 27, 1852	Charles Teal & Dennis Fontenot	Frac. 18	54
Feb. 24, 1853	Edouard Dardeau	Lot 7, Sec. 5	139
Feb. 25, 1853	J. Bte. Lafleur	SW1/4, SE1/4, Sec. 35	40
Feb. 25, 1853	Celeste Guillory, Wd. Joseph Guillory	Lots 1 & 4, Sec. 9	281
March 2, 1853	André Z. Vidrine	Lot 3, Sec. 9	138
March 3, 1853	Zelien Vidrine	Lot 2, Sec. 9	138
March 26, 1853	Marin Coreil	Lot 5, Sec. 4	110
April 5, 1853	François Brignac	Lots 1 & 2, Sec. 13	217
April 5, 1853	François Brignac	E1/2, Sec. 14	321
April 8, 1853	André Z. Vidrien	E1/2, NW1/4, Sec. 23	80
April 8, 1853	J. Bte. Soileau, Jr.	Lot 3, Sec. 4,	80
April 8, 1853	Theophile Fontenot	Lot 2, Sec. 4	80
April 8, 1853	Onezime Pitre	E1/2, NE1/4, & E1/2, Sec. 24	160
May 11, 1853	Auguste Bordelon	Lot 1, Sec. 22	40
May 15, 1853	Cesaire Lafleur	W1/2, SW1/4, Sec. 14	80
May 19, 1853	Alexandre Deville	SE1/4, SW1/4, Sec. 27 & SW1/4, SW1/4, Sec. 26	80
May 19, 1853	Joseph Z. Fontenot	NE1/4, NW1/4 & NW1/4 NE1/4, SW1/4 & SW1/4 SE1/4, Sec. 26	160
May 26, 1853	Emile Guillory	SW1/4, NE1/4, Sec. 22	40
June 15, 1853	Auguste Bordelon	Lot 2, Sec. 30	88
Nov. 1, 1853	Hildevert Deshotels	SW1/2, NW1/4, Sec. 34	80
Nov. 1, 1853	Wd. Henry Fontenot	Lots 1 & 5, Sec. 33	160
Nov. 1, 1853	Edmond Fontenot	Lot 2, Sec. 33	80
Dec. 6, 1853	Zenon J. B. Fontenot	Lot 4, Sec. 36	120
Feb. 3, 1854	John T. Shaw	SW1/4, NE1/4, Sec. 35	40
April 29, 1854	Joseph Z. Fontenot	SE1/4, SE1/4, Sec. 23	40
July 9, 1854	Alexandre Rougeot	Lot 10, Sec. 31	40
May 9, 1854	Louis Chackman	SE1/2, SE1/4, Sec. 34	80
Aug. 7, 1854	Alexandre Deville	SE1/2, NW1/4, Sec. 36	80
Dec. 4, 1854	Alexandre Deville	Lot 5, Sec. 25 NE1/2, SE1/4, & NE1/2, SW1/4, Sec. 23 W1/2, SW1/4, Sec. 24 Lot 4, Sec. 25, & NE1/4, NE1/4, Sec. 26	370
Dec. 4, 1854	Appolonius Fontenot	NE1/4, SE1/4, Sec. 35	40
Dec. 5, 1854	François Brignac	Frac. 24	321
Dec. 5, 1854	Louis Chackman	NE1/4, NW1/4 & NE1/4, SW1/4, Sec. 35	80

DATE	NAME	SECTION	ACRES
Dec. 5, 1854	John Shaw	NW1/4, NE1/4, Sec. 35	40
Dec. 5, 1854	André Vidrine	Lots 6 & 7, W1/4, SW1/4 & NW1/4, Sec. 23 & SE 1&4, NE1/4, Sec. 22	320
Dec. 7, 1854	Theophine Fontenot	E1/2, SW1/4, Sec. 14	80
Dec. 7, 1854	Wd. Valerjen Lafleur	S1/2, SW1/4, Sec. 14	80
Dec. 7, 1854	Aimée Debailion	Lots 1, 2, 3, Sec. 36 Lot 8, Sec. 35	293
Dec. 8, 1854	Onezime Pitre	W1/2, SE1/2 & E1/2, SW1/4, Sec. 24	240
Dec. 8, 1854	Alexandre Lazaro	Lots 3, 4, Sec. 13	178
Dec. 9, 1954	Jean-Pierre Fontenot	Lot 7, Sec. 35	229
Dec. 9, 1954	Edouard Dardenu	Lots 3-6, Sec. 5	281
Dec. 15, 1854	Wd. Joseph Pitre	Lot 1, Sec. 10	—
Dec. 28, 1854	Aimée Debailion	Lots 1-3, Sec. 25	240
Dec. 28, 1855	Nicholas H. Deshotels	Lot 3, Sec. 33	159

### EXCITEMENT AROUND THE TOWN\*

Our usually quiet little town was thrown into a feverish excitement some days ago, by the news that the Jayhawkers were making preparations to come and rob and pillage our citizens. From certain informations [*sic*] it should appear that a gang of malfactors from Mermentau River did come within about four miles of our town, robbing several planters of their horses, arms, clothing &c. Rumor goes on to say that Ozémé Carriere, who commands such another gang at Maillet, did not agree with the other chief in the projected attack upon our town, and that the movement is only temporarily postponed.

The depredations committed by these deserters and their associates are increasing daily in importance and audacity. Terror extends over the country, and it would seem that every body is threatened with their misdeeds.

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# *The Public Land Sales of Southwest Louisiana, 1821 - 1856*

Continued from Vol. XX, No. 1

by *Glenn R. Conrad*

Date	Purchaser	Parish	Township & Range	Section	Quantity (acres)
Sept. 16, 1841	Daniel P. Sparks	St. Mary	15S, 11E	Irreg. Sec. 17	146
"	Sherod B. Sparks	"	"	Irreg. Sec. 47	148
Sept. 24, 1841	Alexander Bureau	St. Landry	3S, 3E	Lot 65, Sec. 57	173
Sept. 25, 1841*	Daniel Eagan	"	5S, 5E	NW¼, Sec. 27	160
"	Auguste Fruge & Joseph Marcantel	"	6S, 1E	NW¼, Sec. 18	64
"	"	St. Mary	15S, 11E	Lots 1,2,3,5, Sec. 65	157
The following statement appears at this point in the manuscript record:					
"On the 26th Sept. received notice of the appointment of Geo. M. Smith as Receiver of Pub. Monies."					
Oct. 12, 1841	William Lum & Elijah Fisher	St. Landry	3S, 4E	W¼, SW¼, Sec. 2	81
Oct. 16, 1841	"	"	"	E¼, SW¼, Sec. 2	81
Oct. 18, 1841	John Banoneau	St. Martin	8S, 6E	NE¼, Sec. 32	163
Oct. 25, 1841	Alexandre Guidry	"	"	Lot 3, Sec. 27	80
Oct. 26, 1841*	John Crawford	St. Landry	5S, 5E	NE¼, Sec. 21	161
Nov. 4, 1841	Edward Manuel & Israel Iszotel	"	6S, 1E	NW¼, Sec. 1	160
"	"	"	3S, 3E	Lot 72, Sec. 50	168
Nov. 6, 1841	James Morgan	"	4S, 5E	N¼, SW¼ & W¼, SE¼, Sec. 22	562 [sic]
"	"	"	"	SE¼, Sec. 21	161
"	"	"	"	W¼, SE¼, Sec. 18	80
Nov. 8, 1841	Wid. Carmelite Lafleur	"	"	Lot 1, Sec. 35	56
Nov. 10, 1841	Caleb Labege & John L. Neyland	"	5S, 3E	Sec. 4 [sic]	101
Nov. 16, 1841	Joseph D. Ladoux	"	6S, 3E	SW¼, NE¼, Sec. 9	40
Nov. 18, 1841	George R. King	"	4S, 5E	N¼, Sec. 24 (26?)	318
Nov. 20, 1841	John Walker	"	3S, 3E	S¼, Lot 31, Sec. 70	82
Nov. 23, 1841	James Jenkins	"	9S, 2E	Lot 2, Sec. 11	138
Nov. 26, 1841	Robert McCrory	"	3S, 3E	Lot 70, Sec. 52	169
Nov. 27, 1841	Raphael Manuel & John-Bte. Manuel	"	6S, 1E	SE¼, Sec. 1	160
"	"	St. Mary	17S, 9E	NE¼, Sec. 10	146
Nov. 30, 1841	Alexandre Fontenot	St. Landry	4S, 3E	Remainder of Lots 2 & 3, Sec. 35	61

\*Sales cancelled by act of Congress.



Date	Purchaser	Parish	Township & Range	Section	Quantity (acres)
Dec. 1, 1841	William McDaniel	St. Landry	3S, 1E	Lot 1, Sec. 19	66
Dec. 4, 1841	John B. McDaniel	"	4S, 5E	W½, SE¼, Sec. 28	79
Dec. 13, 1841	Ethan Allen	St. Martin	12S, 10E	Lots 6,9,12,13, Sec. 4	152
"	"	"	"	Lot 2, Sec. 9	45
Dec. 21, 1841	Andrew Deshotel	St. Landry	4S, 2E	Lot 5, Frac. Sec. 28	80
Dec. 23, 1841	Charles Pitre, Jr.	"	6S, 3E	N½, NW¼, Sec. 10	83
Jan. 3, 1842	Francois Jean	"	4S, 3E	Lot 6, Sec. 11	131
Jan. 12, 1842	Joseph Frice	St. Martin	12S, 10E	Lots 3,4, Sec. 9	123
				Lot 4, Sec. 8	51
				Lot 7, Sec. 27	44
				Lots 9, 10,11,12, Sec. 26	142
				Lot 6, Sec. 24	36
Jan. 20, 1842	John M. Joedoll	St. Landry	3S, 5E	E½, NW¼, Sec. 29	79
Jan. 22, 1842	Samuel Grice	St. Martin	12S, 10E	lots 7,10,11, Sec. 24	119
"	"	"	"	Lot 1, Sec. 34	41
Jan. 28, 1842	Edmund P. Dwight	St. Mary	14S, 11E	Frac. SW¼, Sec. 5,	26
Feb. 1, 1842	George W. Haygood	St. Martin	12S, 10E	Lots 13,14, Sec. 24	72
"	"	"	"	Lot 2, Sec. 25,	32
Feb. 5, 1842	Bernard Romero & Jean-Bte. Romero	Lafayette	11S, 5E	SW¼, Sec. 26	162
Feb. 8, 1842	Alexandre Fontenot, Jr.	St. Landry	3S, 6E	NE¼, Sec. 33	160
"	"	"	"	NW¼, Sec. 35	160
Feb. 10, 1842	Shelby Beard & John Wood	St. Landry	3S, 4E	SE¼, Sec. 13	162
"	"	"	3S, 5E	W½, SE¼, Sec. 18	80
Feb. 25, 1842	John Garrett	St. Martin	12S, 12E	Lots 6,8,12, Sec. 29	166
Mar. 8, 1842	Charles Vallot	Lafayette	11S, 5E	NE¼, Sec. 9	161
"	Nicolas Vallot	"	"	NW¼, SW¼, Sec. 10	59
"	Alexandre Leger	"	"	NW¼, Sec. 5	161
"	Amelia Whitehead	"	"	SW¼, Sec. 7	161
"	Joseph L. Babineaux	"	"	NE¼, Sec. 23	160
"	Pierre LaSalle	"	"	W½, NE¼, Sec. 14	80
"	Joseph Boudreaux	"	"	E½, NE¼, Sec. 14	80
"	Louis Langlinal	"	"	SW¼, Sec. 20	161
"	Olivier Blanchet	"	"	NE¼, Sec. 29	162
"	Charles Savoy	"	"	NE¼, Sec. 32	161
"	Rosemond LeBlanc	"	"	SW¼, Sec. 21	160
"	Francois Lopez & Wid. John Lopez & Francoise Toucheck	"	"	NE¼, Sec. 26,	162
Mar. 11, 1842	Alexander Molbert (?)	"	"	SW¼, Sec. 9	161
Mar. 16, 1842	Charles Trahan	"	"	NE¼, Sec. 19	161
April 1, 1842	Simoon Fontenot	St. Landry	5S, 2E	Lot 8, Sec. 29	40
"	Lastie Aucoin	"	"	Lot 7, Sec. 29	40
May 2, 1842	Sarah Shaw	"	3S, 4E	NW¼, Sec. 2	162
June 16, 1842	Lorey Pearsall	St. Landry	6S, 7E,	Frac. Sec. 7	72

Date	Purchaser	Parish	Township & Range	Section	Quantity (acres)
June 18, 1842	There are over 100 purchasers listed for this sale. It is followed by several similar sales to numerous individuals for small tracts of land.			6S, 7E Frac. Sec. 17	6
Sept. 1, 1842	Vial Gerard	St. Landry	3S, 5E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 8	40
"	"	"	3S, 4E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 21	80
Records of Robert Benguerel, Receiver					
January 6, 1843	James A. Garrett	St. Mary	14S, 12E	Lots 1,2, Sec. 1	61
"	"	"	"	Lot 1, Sec. 12	29
Jan. 11, 1843	Peter Doremus	St. Landry	7S, 6E	Lot 2, Sec. 28	80
Jan. 12, 1843	Ethan Allen	St. Mary	17S, 9E	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 9	151
Jan. 25, 1843	Joseph J. Moss	St. Landry	3S, 5E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 32	80
"	Joseph McBride	"	4S, 5E	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 5	40
Mar. 21, 1843	Samuel Cary	St. Mary	15S, 11E	N $\frac{1}{2}$ , Sec. 13	116
Apr. 3, 1843	Jean F. Richard	Lafayette	9S, 4E	W $\frac{1}{2}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 8	80
Apr. 6, 1843	Louis Chaudel	St. Landry	4S, 7E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 25	40
Apr. 15, 1843	Henry W. Peebles	St. Mary	13S, 6E	E $\frac{1}{2}$ , NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 24	80
Apr. 29, 1843	Henry Bradley	"	15S, 12E	Frac. Sec. 38 & Lots 1,2, Sec. 36	145
"	Thomas J. Ivy of Norfolk, Virginia	St. Mary	14S, 13E	Frac. SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , of Frac. E $\frac{1}{2}$ of Frac. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 18	93
				Frac. Sec. 28	96
				Frac. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Frac. NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 22	97
May 9, 1843	Elihu Allen	St. Mary	17S, 9E	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 15	161
May 16, 1843	Eliza Dixon	St. Landry	5S, 6E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3	240
May 25, 1843	Thomas Quirk	"	4S, 4E	Lots 1,2, Sec. 78	81
May 27, 1843	Thomas J. Ivy	St. Mary	14S, 12E	S $\frac{1}{2}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 25	93
June 27, 1843	Lucien Bergeron	St. Landry	6S, 5E	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 49	40
July, 1843	No Sales				
August, 1843	No Sales				
September, 1843	No Sales				
Oct. 20, 1843	John Van Singer, tutor of John Van Singer, Jr.	St. Landry	6S, 7E	Lot 5, Sec. 1	32
November, 1843	No Sales				
Dec. 11, 1843	Elisha Odorn	Calcasieu	5S, 4W	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 20	160
Dec. 26, 1843	John D. Alston	St. Mary	15S, 11E	Lots 3,4,5, Sec. 5 & Lots 2,3,4,5, Sec. 6	155
"	John Dawson	"	"	Lots 1,2, Sec. 5 & Lot 1, Sec. 6	154
January, 1844	No Sales				
Feb. 27, 1844	William Vaughan	St. Martin	12S, 12E	Frac. e $\frac{1}{4}$ , SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 32	53
Feb. 29, 1844	Jackson R. Nixon	"	10S, 11E	Frac. Sec. 1 & Lots 1,2,3,5, Sec. 12	150
"	Joseph M. Charpentier	St. Mary	15S, 11E	Frac. Sec. 67	56
"	Lucien Polaski	St. Mary	16S, 11E	Frac. NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13	90

Date	Purchaser	Parish	Township & Range	Section	Quantity (acres)
Mar. 11, 1844	John Brownson	St. Mary	13S, 12E	W½, Sec. 6	279
"	Adolph Derosier	Calcasieu	10S, 10W	SE¼, NE¼, Sec. 2	40
"	Julien Fontenot, Jr.	St. Landry	5S, 2E	Lot 5, Sec. 21	40
Mar. 26, 1844	James Grout	St. Mary	16S, 11E	NW¼, Sec. 13	154
Apr. 2, 1844	John Brownson	St. Martin	12S, 11E	W½, Sec. 36	323
			"	S½, Sec. 24	313
			"	W½, Sec. 25	285
			12S, 12E	Sec. 31	636
			"	E½, Sec. 30	321
Apr. 12, 1844	Charles Hoyt & James Griffin	St. Mary	14S, 13E	Frac. Sec. 21	37
			"	Frac. NE¼, Sec. 20	103
			"	Frac. Sec. 17	7
"	Charles Hoyt	"	"	NE¼, NW¼, Sec. 20	36
Apr. 18, 1844	John McDaniel	St. Landry	6S, 3E	E½, SE¼, Sec. 8	80
May 15, 1844	James Owen	St. Martin	13S, 11E	Lot 3, Sec. 1	45
			"	Frac. E½, NE¼, Sec. 2	54
			12S, 11E	Lot 8, Sec. 35	61
			13S, 11E	NW¼, NE¼, Sec. 2	37
May 15, 1844	James W. Muggah	St. Martin	12S, 11E	NE¼, Sec. 23	147
			"	E½, Sec. 26	318
			"	Frac. E½, Sec. 35	253
			13S, 11E	Lot 1, Sec. 2	8
May 15, 1844	David Robbins	St. Martin	12S, 11E	W½, Sec. 23	319
			"	W½, Sec. 26	320
			"	Frac. NW¼, Sec. 35	154
May 16, 1844	John Brownson of New York	St. Martin	11S, 11E	E½, NE¼, Sec. 26	80
		"	12S, 12E	W½, Sec. 30	321
			12S, 11E	E½, Sec. 25	320
			12S, 12E	S½, Sec. 19	321
			13S, 11E	NE¼ & Lots 1,2,4 Sec. 1	279
			12S, 12E	Frac. Sec. 22	241
			"	Lots 1 & 5 & NW¼ & W½, SW¼ & SE¼	
			"	SW¼, Sec. 20	288
			"	W½ of Frac. NE¼ & W½, SE¼, Sec. 32	517
			13S, 12E	NE¼, Sec. 6	160
			11S, 11E	E½, NE¼, Sec. 23	78
			"	E½, SE¼, Sec. 12	80
			"	E½, NW¼, Sec. 13	80
			12S, 11E	E½, Sec. 36	323
			12S, 12E	S½, Sec. 21	253
May 18, 1844	Lelize LeBleu	Calcasieu	10S, 9W	NW¼, NE¼, Sec. 24	40
May 27, 1844	Alexander Reason	St. Martin	13S, 11E	Lots 5,6, Sec. 1	81
"	David Robbins	"	12S, 11E	E½, Sec. 22	320
			"	E½, Sec. 27	320
			"	NE¼, Sec. 34	160

Date	Purchaser	Parish	Township & Range	Section	Quantity (acres)
May 30, 1844	Gaspard Cobleur	St. Mary	13S, 8E	SE¼, Sec. 39	161
June 7, 1844	James M. Muggah	St. Martin	12S, 11E	SE¼, Sec. 23	155
"	St. Germa Ellender	"	12S, 10E	NW¼, NE¼, Sec. 32	40
June 9, 1844	Caliste Sinniter	St. Mary	13S, 9E	Frac. NE¼, Sec. 36	84
"	Antoine Mendoza, Jr	"	"	SE¼, Sec. 25	142
June 11, 1844	Andrew J. Sharp	"	17S, 9E	SE¼, Sec. 3	147
June 13, 1844	Thomas F. Etienne	"	13S, 9E	Frac. SW¼, Sec. 20	151
"	Pedro Mendoza	"	"	NW¼, Sec. 20	100
"	Godefroi Verret	"	"	Frac. SE¼, Sec. 19	86
"	Philippe Verret	"	"	Frac. SE¼, Sec. 9	111
"	Joseph Verret	"	"	NE¼, Sec. 19	210
July 15, 1844	James Taylor	"	"	Frac. SE¼, Sec. 24	240
July 19, 1844	Rachel Stevens	"	"	Frac. NE¼, Sec. 9	156
Aug. 6, 1844	Henry Faivre	"	"	Frac. NE¼, Sec. 25	156
Aug. 7, 1844	Joseph T. Hawkins	St. Martin	14S, 11E	Frac. SW¼, Sec. 32 & Frac. Sec. 31	68
Aug. 9, 1844	Domingo Navaro	St. Mary	13S, 9E	Lots 1,2,3, Frac. Sec. 29	150
Aug. 14, 1844	Edward L. Nimmo	"	16S, 11E	Lots 4,6,7, Frac. Sec. 12	114
Sept. 2, 1844	Philibert Hebert	St. Mary	13S, 8E	Frac. SW¼, Sec. 33	159
"	Heirs of Pierre Savoie	"	"	SW¼, Sec. 30	161
Sept. 17, 1844	Verjul Guidroz	St. Landry	6S, 5E	SW¼, SW¼, Sec. 24	40
Sept. 23, 1844	Ignace Rodriguez	St. Mary	13S, 9E	Frac. E¼, Sec. 21	125
Sept. 27, 1844	Maximilien Stephen	"	13S, 8E	SW¼, Sec. 31	163
"	Francois Prevost	"	"	NE¼, Sec. 31	135
Sept. 28, 1844	Joseph W. Copper	"	16S, 12E	NE¼ & E¼, SE¼, Sec. 16	131
Oct. 1, 1844	Christopher Reeves	Calcasieu	5S, 4W	NW¼, NW¼, Sec. 20 & SW¼, SW¼, Sec. 13	80
Oct. 4, 1844	Horace Wyatt	"	11S, 9W	Sec. 1 & Frac. Sec. 37	158
"	Joseph Rion	"	"	NE¼, SW¼, Sec. 28	40
Oct. 9, 1844	Antoine Panigot	St. Mary	15S, 11E	Frac. Sec. 18	136
Oct. 10, 1844	Joseph Berrell	"	13S, 8E	Frac. NW¼, Sec. 30	52
"	Emile Prevost	"	"	Frac. SE¼, Sec. 30	150
Oct. 12, 1844	Jean V. Martin	"	14S, 9E	Frac. NE¼, Sec. 18	197
"	Alphonse Gaillard	"	"	N¼, Sec. 17	171
Oct. 14, 1844	John R. Williams	Calcasieu	12S, 9W	Sec. 27	160
Oct. 17, 1844	Arvillien J. Farque	"	"	Frac. Sec. 10	161
Oct. 21, 1844	Verjule Guidroz	St. Landry	6S, 5E	NW¼, SE¼, Sec. 25	40
Oct. 23, 1844	Isaac Reeves	Calcasieu	5S, 4W	SW¼, NE¼ & SE¼, NW¼, Sec. 20	80
"	Carrol Bonds	"	"	SW¼, NE¼, Sec. 9	40
Oct. 28, 1844	Marlin Chambers	St. Mary	13S, 8E	Frac. Sec. 22 & 23 & 15 & Lots 4, 5, Sec. 14	110
Nov. 16, 1844	Peter Blansser	St. Martin	12S, 11E	Lot 3, Sec. 17	23

(to be continued)

# Berwick, Forstall, and Carr

## New Iberia's First Industry

by Gertrude C. Taylor

In his essay "Some Observations on Anglo-Saxon Settlers in the Colonial Attakapas,"<sup>1</sup> Glenn Conrad points out that the floodgates of Anglo-American tide into Acadiana opened in 1780, and in that year and the next, Englishmen migrated "in leaps and bounds." These new arrivals in the Opelousas and Attakapas districts had come to the colony, just as other ethnic groups had, for myriad reasons: political, religious, economic, and social. All were looking for a new life in a new land; few came with means enough to immediately establish themselves; some had talents they could put to work; and others had only "two willing hands to offer."

Much of the early story of these Anglo-American settlers in Louisiana is obscure. Those who came with money enough to buy land or to establish themselves on land which they could later claim are recorded in the early conveyances of the district or in *American State Papers*. If they accumulated any form of wealth during their lives in the area, they left estates, the successions of which were probated in the district courts. Those who were Catholics or who became Catholics had their births, marriages, and deaths duly recorded in the ample records of that church. Some in their business dealings left only insight into the life, dealings, and manners of the time and little or nothing about themselves.

In this last group was Joseph Carr, who is listed as living in the New Iberia area in 1781.<sup>2</sup> While many of the group with whom he journeyed to Louisiana remained in the Opelousas area, Carr and a few others quickly made their way to the New Iberia area, an ideal trade location along the plantation-dotted Teche. Apparently a man with some degree of education,<sup>3</sup> Carr was a tanner and shoemaker by trade, since the only three transactions recorded in the St. Martin Parish Original Acts involve agreements or contracts to either tutor children on the plantations or to teach young boys and slaves the art of tanning and shoemaking.

In 1794, Joseph Carr, apparently a widower with two children, married Anna (Nancy) White, a widow with three small children. Into this marriage Carr brought no real property; his spouse brought in the small farm and a small amount of money she received in the par-

1. *Attakapas Gazette*, XX (1985).

2. Glenn R. Conrad, "Friend or Foe? Religious Exiles at the Opelousas Post," *Attakapas Gazette*, XII (1977), 137, 140.

3. In 1786, three years after the conclusion of his contract with Thomas Berwick and Nicolas Forstall, Carr signed an agreement with Benoit St. Claire to tutor Benoit's children. St. Martin Parish Original Acts, Bk. 4½, no. 84.

tition of the property of her deceased husband.<sup>4</sup> Because Carr and Anna White were Protestants (They declared this fact and the fact that they would marry in their faith in their marriage contract.), there are no records of their marriages nor of the births and deaths in either family.

Perhaps the larger part of Joseph Carr, the man himself, his talents, and his accomplishments, can be inferred from the following contract with Thomas Berwick and Nicolas Forstall. Singularly, stands out the fact that Berwick and Forstall furnished all material things and accepted all responsibility while Carr furnished his time and talent only.

CONTRACT BETWEEN THOMAS BERWICK  
NICOLAS FORSTALL, AND THOMAS CARR\*

*translated by Mathé Allain*

Today, February 20, 1781, before us, Nicolas Forstall, *regidor* of the province of Louisiana and commandant of New Orleans, appeared Thomas Bervic [Berwick] and Joseph Carr, both residents of this city, who, along with me, wanting to establish together a tannery in this city, agreed among ourselves, the three above named, about the contract hereafter given in detail.

1) I, Nicolas Forstall, and Sieur Thomas Bervic will have made and deliver to Sieur Carr all the buildings, utensils, furnishings and tools suitable for the said tannery. The above named will contribute each half and the Sieur Carr will not be obligated to furnish anything.

2) We promise similarly and each respectively that besides, each will provide the Sieur with a healthy Negro ----- of all members of the said company.

\*St. Martin Parish Original Acts, Bk. 3, 2.

4. Marriage contract of Joseph Carr and Anna White, 1794, SMOA, 15, 75.

Joseph Carr of Jamaica was the son of Hugo Carr and Marguerite Halfar. Anna White was the daughter of John White and Sara Gambel of North Carolina and sister of Jesse and William White.

Anna White's children at the time of the death of her first husband, David Harmon, were Anne, age 4; Jean, 2½; and Colotte, 5 months. The farm she brought into the marriage with Carr was part of the inventory of the estate of Harmon, partitioned Nov. 7, 1792. *Ibid.*, 12, 74. Harmon had acquired the farm, then valued at 150 *piastres*, from Louis Demaret. The land lying in T.13S, R.3 & 4E., was part of the tract certified to Demaret through order of survey. See *Land Grants, Land Claims, and Public Land Sales, 1821-1856, in the Lower Vermillion River Area*. Carr brought into the community 1,200 *piastres* in notes owed to him.

Carr's children from a prior marriage were William and Lucie, married to James McLaughlin at the time of her father's death sometime before 1814. The two children are mentioned in the sole document contained in his succession. The document acknowledges receipt of 230 *piastres* each by William and Lucie Carr from Nancy White as their share of their father's estate. St. Martin Parish Estate, No. 242. James McLaughlin represented his wife in this conveyance. Nothing further can be found concerning either Lucie Carr McLaughlin or her brother William.

At the time of the above settlement, Nancy White had already married George Burrell, a neighbor. The Burrell property, encompassing the property of Nancy White, was on the left bank of Bayou Vermillion. It was bordered above by William White and below by John and Jesse White.

3) In case of death either natural or accidental of one or the other of the said slaves, the loss will be borne by his master, the contracting parties not intending to ask for compensation.

4) The Sieurs Forstall and Bervic will be allowed one or several Negroes more for the good of the tannery, whether they are the product of the tannery [natural increase?] or are bought by one of them; they will be entered in their respective accounts, in case of profit, as in the case of any loss whatsoever.

5) Yet, once any slaves, besides the two originally stipulated, have been agreed upon for the tannery, it will not be possible to remove him until the end -----.

6) Sieur Bervic will provide Sieur Carr with food, heat, laundry, light and [receive] him at his table as long as the company lasts.

7) Sieurs Bervic and Forstall must advance all the materials needed for the tannery, in kind as well as pelts.

8) The said advances [will be taken] from the [revenues].

9) The salary paid Sieur Carr, which will be fifteen *piastres* a month, will also be taken from the said revenues, an expense which will be borne entirely by Sieurs Forstall and Bervic.

10) Sieur Carr will receive a third of the profit of the said tannery and he will bear the same proportion of the losses should there be any, including the shoe making department. He will therefore have a similar participation in the advances though he does not provide any.

11) Under these conditions, he binds himself to devote his time, his attention and his knowledge to the success of the tannery where he will work as long as the company exists.

12) He will not ask for anything else for his work or his attention under any pretext whatsoever.

13) He will teach tanning and currying to the Negroes aforementioned and to anyone the Sieurs Forstall and Bervic will judge proper to introduce into the tannery, provided, of course, that the said slaves are capable of learning these trades.

14) Since the profits from the tannery and the shoe shop that the said gentlemen will build, as well as the losses should any occur, will be shared among them equally Sieur Carr binds himself to keep the necessary books----- the operations.

15) The books will be presented to any partner that will ask for them and wants to check them, not because of any lack of trust, but only to prevent the involuntary errors that might creep in and become thus included in the accounts.

16) Sieur Carr will have no claim on the buildings, utensils, furnishings and tools of the said tannery should the company be dissolved.

17) Let it be agreed among the partners that none of them can divest himself of his share in the establishment or the operation in favor of anyone, until the company ceases functioning.

18) The said company will exist for three years from this day, February 20, 1781.

19) Since an inventory is joined of everything found as of now in the said establishment, and since Sieur Carr fully knows the objects that it lists, as he has had them in his possession, he binds himself by the present document to take

care of them as well as of the buildings for which he will be held responsible.

20) To the clauses and conditions herein stipulated, the contracting parties agree and bind themselves mutually to fulfill their obligations. They have signed after reading [in triple copies?] in the presence of Sieurs [Mayon?] and Loisel, witnesses, before whom the contracting parties agree to have this act registered at the record office of this -----.

## INVENTORY

of the buildings, utensils, furnishings, and tools belonging to the tannery established at New Iberia, post of Attakapas, on halves, by Nicolas Forstall and Thomas Bervic as well as the myriad expenses caused by the said establishment. Namely,

A house, 24 feet by 18 feet, 7 feet high, built and roofed in cypress posts, with a door with hangings and an iron lock, a lean-to 6 feet wide at one end. This house cost 74 dollars 74

Also, a house, 16 feet by 13, 7 1/2 feet high, built on the ground, built with cypress and sassafras, roofed with oak shingles,<sup>1</sup> two doors with a single lock ----- from wood, galleries front and back, a mud fireplace. The said house is built in colombage and of *bousillage* and cost 80 dollars. 80

A shop, 12 feet by 13, 7 1/2 feet tall, built of oak, cypress and sassafras, post-in-ground construction, surrounded with cypress posts in one part, the rest being made of *bousillage*; roofed with oak shingles, a window and a gallery on each side, which cost 15 dollars. 15

A water mill with all its iron fittings and all its other fittings which cost 60 dollars 60

A shed 28 feet by 21, 7 feet high, built and roofed in oak, half surrounded by posts -----, which cost 55 dollars. 55

Ten tubs, 4 feet by 7, 5 feet deep, made of cypress, without lids which cost 20 dollars 200

Two large tubs, 5 by 7, 5 feet deep, of cypress without lids, which amount to 25 dollars each, or 50

Four small tubs 3 by 5, 4 feet deep, of cypress and without lids, which cost 15 dollars each 60

A pump with iron fittings, as suitable, with 3 slabs, having cost 20 dollars 20

A small pump, also with iron fittings with the other fittings needed, having cost 15 dollars 15

1. Sassafras trees grew abundantly on the prairies reaching large sizes, sometimes as much as 2 feet in diameter. They were used in construction where narrow strips were needed. They were probably used here for the *bousillage*.

*Merclins* were large shingles, between 3 and 4 feet wide, usually cut from white oak. They antedate the cypress shingle.



A currying table, at 5 dollars	5
Three horses for the mill, which cost 33 dollars	33
A scraping knife valued at 5.00 dollars	5
A leather slicker with its pliers, valued at	3
Two baskets made from cane costing together 4 reales	.40
A scraper which cost 2 dollars	2
Another for 1 dollar and a half	1.50
Two guns worth six reals	.6
Two hooks for a dollar	1
A fiare shovel for 6 dollars	6
A currying knife for 5 dollars	5
Two knives with two handles, 7 dollars	7
One hoe for 3 dollars	3
A cast-iron kettle for 6 dollars	6
Two irons to remove bark for 1 dollar	1

Which inventory amounts to seven hundred and eight dollars and six reals 708.6

Besides, two Negroes were included as workmen in the said establishment. Sieur Forstall contributes one Negro named Samuel, around eighteen years old, with all his limbs, hale and well; and Sieur Bervic one Negro named Philippe, around twenty-eight years old, ----- loss of the said slaves -----, what the said [Sieur acknowledged] by this charter -----, acknowledges further this inventory as complete and drawn up in good faith which they signed on the day aforementioned.

Forstall

Cornelle

Joseph Carr

Mayon

Th. Berwick

We, the undersigned, acknowledge having placed [in common] to establish a tannery, as stated in our charter, as well as for the salary of Sieur Carr in the amount of 808 dollars, and another of [2] 19 dollars, 1 real for the materials for the said tannery, to which amount Sieur Carr must contribute his third, to be withheld from the first profit showed by the said company. The said sums used until this day, February 21, 1781, [in faith of] which we sign as far as concerns us respectively, Nicolas Forstall and Thomas Berwick, each for half.

Forstall

Th. Berwick

Joseph Carr

I, the undersigned, Thomas Bervic, renounce all claim on the tannery and shoe making business mentioned in the act and on other shares, having sold my share of the said interest to M. Nicolas Forstall, a partner in the said business, and I signed in New Iberia, on February 27, 1782.

Thos. Berwick

I, the undersigned, agree to the cession under the obligation that Mr. Forstall recognizes toward M. Bervic, under the same clauses and conditions which he had to fulfill as his share of the said interest. New Iberia, February 27, 1782

Joseph Carr

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ESTATE NO.	NAME	YEAR OPENED
1594	Broussard, Drauzin	March 5, 1858
1598	Broussard, Massena	March 5, 1858
1597	Barras, Antoine	March 19, 1858
1605	Broussard, Soligny. Emancipation.	May 13, 1858
1607	Broussard, Marie Constance, wife of Ozenie LeBlanc.	June 21, 1858
1616	Breaux, Euphemie, Widow of Hermogene Broussard	October 9, 1858
1618	Begnaud, Jean Louis & Doralice Breaux	December 6, 1858
1619	Begnaud, Melosie, wife of Eugenie Calais	December 6, 1858
1628	Broussard, Lucien	March 21, 1859
1654	Bonin, Lucien	October 5, 1859
1658	Broussard, Ann Erasie, wife of Aurelien Dugas	December 5, 1859
1659	Birshien, John	November 16, 1859
1668	Benoit, Josette	May 17, 1860
1671	Broussard, Marie Denise, Widow Jos. Bonin	April 24, 1860
1677	Broussard, Anaclet Sylvain	May 17, 1860
1678	Broussard, Euzebe. Emancipation.	May 24, 1860
1683	Bonin, Louise Aspasie, wife of Ducleon Bonin	June 13, 1860
1688	Baudin, Joseph. Emancipation.	July 28, 1860
1706	Bonney, Elizabeth Mary	November 13, 1860
1707	Broussard, Hermogene. Emancipation.	November 19, 1860
1714	Broussard, Emma Marie, wife of Ed. Alex. Broussard	November 15, 1860
1716	Bedell, John	June 10, 1861
1720	Brassesux, Marie Rose, Wld. Jacques LeBlanc	May 3, 1861
1733	Branon, John A.	October 16, 1861
1736	Breaux, Donat	November 28, 1861
1741	Boudreaux, Joseph Ozemee	December 31, 1861
1742	Begnaud, Hypolite	January 2, 1862
1747	Broussard, Preval Antoine	April 4, 1862
1752	Begnaud, Godefroy	July 8, 1862
1753	Barras, Jean-Baptiste	August 2, 1862
1758	Barry, John	September 17, 1862
1763	Babineaux, Desire	November 14, 1862
1764	Bernard, Natalie, wife of Desire Derouen	November 17, 1862
1765	Babineaux, Charles	November 20, 1862
1768	Broussard, Ann Clina, wife of L. V. Bernard	November 20, 1862
1773	Broussard, Philemon & Elise Ardonie (Ardouin)	December 10, 1862
1777	Broussard, Jules Hermogene	January 19, 1863
1813	Blanchet, Jacques Leon	October 22, 1863
1814	Bernard, Emile B.	December 24, 1863
1815	Bertrand, Melanie, Wld. Edmond Hollier	January 14, 1864

ESTATE NO.	NAME	YEAR OPENED
1822	Babineaux, Chas. Valiere	February 27, 1864
1823	Babineaux, Joseph Theodore	February 29, 1864
1825	Bourgeois, Hypolite	March 1, 1864
1835	Broussard, Rosemond	September 22, 1864
1842	Brasseaux, Elizabeth, wife of Alphonse Courso	December 7, 1864
1848	Bergeron, Edvise, wife of Elise Cormier	March 4, 1865
1863	Bergeron, Jean Baptiste	August 14, 1865
1865	Brown, Evelina, wife of Auguste Caillet	August 14, 1865
1868	Bonin, Camille	October 26, 1865
1889	Breaux, Caliste, wife of Armand Breaux	September 28, 1865
1902	Benoist, Celeste, f.m.c.	December 27, 1865
1904	Bulliard, Arthur	December 28, 1865
1929	Broussard, Telesphore	March 15, 1866
1940	Bienvenu, Louis Joseph. Emancipation.	April 23, 1866
1967	Benoit, Edward	July 23, 1866
1972	Borel, Desire	July 30, 1866
1973	Boisdore, Charles	August 2, 1866
1979	Baumann, Henry	September 11, 1866
1985	Bouillon, Carmelite, wife of Dolze Menard	October 1, 1866
1991	Bourgeois, Eugenie, wife of Valerie LeBlanc	October 31, 1866
1996	Broussard, Marie Emelite, wife of E. J. B. Broussard	November 22, 1866
1997	Badon, William Duncan, fils	December 1, 1866
1998	Bergeron, Pierre, Sr.	December 5, 1866
2006	Bonin, Marguerite, wife of J. Bte. Borel	March 1867
2008	Broussard, Bruno	April 1867
2018	Begnaud, Jean	July 11, 1867
2028	Baptiste, Jean, f.m.c.	October 28, 1867
2029	Broussard, Tertule	October 31, 1867
2033	Babin, Michel & Azema Allegre, his wife	November 7, 1867
2038	Berard, Rosemond	November 13, 1867
2039	Berard, Joseph Godfroy	November 13, 1867
2044	Bouillion, Julien	November 13, 1867
2046	Bellocoq, Timothe	November 15, 1867
2049	Babin, Jules	November 16, 1867
2050	Broussard, Auguste	November 18, 1867
2052	Broussard, Suzanne, wife of Eloi J. Broussard	November 21, 1867
2053	Bonin, Joseph	November 21, 1867
2076	Babin, Leontine, wife of Emile Cormier	December 10, 1867
2080	Broussard, Aloce	December 12, 1867
2090	Babin, Homer	December 19, 1867
2093	Barras, Alcide	December 21, 1867
2094	Begnaud, Azelle, wife of Alex. Broussard	December 23, 1867
2095	Broussard, Felicia, Wid. Preval Broussard	December 23, 1867
2097	Broussard, Marie Leontine, wife of Alf. Goudrau	December 25, 1867
2098	Borduzat, Marie M. A., wife of Leon Duperse	December 26, 1867
2099	Babin, Nelson & Marcelite Combre, his wife	December 27, 1867
2116	Bernard, Aspasia, wife of Alex. Roy	February 15, 1868

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2117	Babineaux, Amede	February 18, 1868
2120	Brown, John	March 27, 1868
2128	Breaux, Lezin	March 27, 1868
2139	Briant, Marie Charlotte Pauline, wife of V. A. Fournet	May 21, 1868
2146	Broussard, Elise	June 15, 1868
2150	Bienvenu, Joseph Marmontel	July 15, 1868
2153	Bonin, Celeste, wife of Eugene Borel	July 30, 1868
2156	Bonin, Evalture	August 7, 1868
2166	Bell, Charles, freedman	December 3, 1868
2168	Badon, William	December 18, 1868
2169	Barras, Celimene, Wid. Alex. Wiltz	December 28, 1868
2175	Barras, Aminthe, Wid. Joseph Melancon	February 19, 1869
2182	Berges, Jean	May 20, 1869
2183	Bernard, Alcide	May 26, 1869
2187	Breaux, Caliste, wife of Charles Rees	July 27, 1869
2192	Barras, Clementine & Julien Savoie, Sr.	September 2, 1869
2194	Books, William	October 3, 1869
2199	Barras, Alexander V.	January 2, 1870
2200	Bernard, Aurelia. Emancipation.	January 28, 1870
2202	Bertrand, Theogene	February 1870
2207	Bauman, Maria	March 1870
2208	Babineaux, Jos. Aladin & Eve Melancon, Appt. of tutor	February 1870
2214	Babineaux, Jos. Aladin	June 14, 1870
2221	Bijean, Azema, wife of Edmond Patin	December 1, 1870
2237	Boutte, Jean Bar	October, 4, 1871
2241	Bernard, Heloise, Wid. Ursin Bernard	October 17, 1871
2260	Bob, Marguerite, Tutorship	December 26, 1872
2276	Bouillion, Pierre Est.	November 23, 1873
2284	Bourgeois, Erasie	May 7, 1874
2286	Bourque, Zenon	June 8, 1874
2296	Babin, Gabriel (alias Courso). Emancipation.	December 23, 1874
2309	Bulliard, Gabriel. Emancipation.	March 30, 1875
2310	Blanchet, Athenaise, wife of Pierre Lassalle	April 5, 1875
2323	Broussard, Euphemie, Wid. Chas. Durand, Jr.	October 7, 1875
2324	Barnard, Anne, wife of St. Cyr Dugas	October 26, 1875
2338	Bertrand, Celimene, wife of Theog. Castille	March 11, 1876
2351	Barras, Euphemie	January 31, 1877
2354	Blanchard, Olivier & Eliza Champagne	March 17, 1877
2362	Bourdier, Marie Ernestine. Emancipation.	July 16, 1877
2367	Begnaud, Lessin	September 25, 1877
2379	Bijean, Cyrille	February 15, 1878
2393	Brown, William H.	September 30, 1878
2397	Bulliard, Adhemar	December 2, 1878
2413	Boyer, Ernestine. Interdiction.	March 17, 1879
2414	Barras, Jean Bte.	March 18, 1879
2416	Bazilla, Suzanne	April 18, 1879
2423	Blanchard, Deauzin	June 11, 1879

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2428	Breaux, Mathilde, Wid. J. D. Patin	July 19, 1879
2432	Broussard, Felix	September 20, 1879
2433	Bernard, Elmiré	October 10, 1879
2434	Broussard, Marie. Emancipation.	October 10, 1879
2438	Bouligny, Ernest M.	January 16, 1880
2443	Badon, Marie Eliza	February 9, 1880
2454	Broussard, Eleotilia	July 6, 1880
2478	Berard, Balthazar	March 2, 1881
2480	Berrard, William D. Emancipation.	March 2, 1881
2485	Broussard, Gabriel. Emancipation.	April 18, 1881
2487	Bertrand, Paul	April 9, 1881
2490	Begnaud, Marie Anais	July 27, 1881
2491	Broussard, Adele	August 16, 1881
2492	Bodier, Arthemise, family meeting in the interest of minors	August 16, 1881
2511	Bulliard, Mary	November 15, 1881
2517	Bertrand, Carmelise, wife of Jos. Haues, Sr.	April 22, 1882
2530	Babineaux, Florentine, wife of Alf. Cormier	September 4, 1882
2532	Bienvenu, Louis L.	November 6, 1882
2536	Breaux, Eugene	December 11, 1882
2542	Bijaux, Marie Eve, wife of Odillon Melancon	February 14, 1883
2545	Broussard, Julie, wife of Joseph Sonnier	March 7, 1883
2554	Babin, Euchariste	June 22, 1883
2561	Bertrand, Arthemise, Wid. John Jackson	September 10, 1883
2567	Bienvenu, Chas. Guerinere	October 15, 1883
2569	Benoist, Lemelle J. Bte. Emancipation.	October 29, 1883
2592	Berard, Clementine, wife of Edg. Ducrest	September 8, 1884
2594	Bonin, Rosette, wife of Pierre Pitre, Sr.	September 24, 1884
2647	Benjamin, Narcisse (alias Amede)	February 9, 1886
2662	Bonhomme, Pierre	May 28, 1886
2663	Betournaye, Noel	June 28, 1886
2664	Broussard, Philomene, wife of J. Bte. Calais	July 31, 1886
2670	Barras, Elizabeth & husband Julien Savote	November 12, 1886
2674	Baudet, Hortence Euphrasine, wife of J. F. Millet	December 8, 1886
2675	Breaux, Francoise, wife of Edw. Bergeron	December 15, 1886
2676	Breaux, Michel	December 15, 1886
2679	Babineaux, Jos. D.	January 25, 1887
2680	Barras, Emerite, Wid. Jean Lem	January 26, 1887
2686	Breaux, Theodore	July 22, 1887
2694	Barras, Aurelien	August 25, 1887
2718	Bergeron, Aurore, Wid. B. A. Kidder	September 19, 1888
2724	Beslin, Alexandre. Interdiction of.	November 1, 1888
2741	Babineaux, Celestine & Joseph Sorgue (Sigue)	November 1, 1888
2749	Breaux, Aspasia, Wid. Hypolite Barras, Sr.	July 15, 1889
2754	Badon, Wilfred	October 9, 1889
2766	Bolsdore, Jean Bte.	February 1890
2784	Barras, Marie, wife of Hermogene. Interdiction.	January 2, 1891

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2801	Breaux, Massena. Emancipation.	July 2, 1891
2808	Bourda, Arcade. Interdiction of.	August 14, 1891
2811	Belaire, Ernest	October 21, 1891
2814	Bienvenu, Louis J.	October 21, 1891
2815	Bijeaux, Helene, wife of Solomon Bertrand	December 7, 1891
2824	Briant, Mathilde & Alcibiade DeBlanc	June 14, 1892
2827	Broussard, Louise, wife of J. Arville Thibodeaux	August 22, 1892
2838	Baptiste, Malvina, wife of Isaac Basquin	January 14, 1893
2848	Berard, Aminthe, Wid. C. M. Olivier	July 10, 1893
2849	Barras, Clemence, wife of Hyp. Barras	July 18, 1893
2855	Begnaud, Francois	December 20, 1893
2858	Brown, Paul & Edwin. Emancipation.	January 31, 1894
2861	Benoist, Jean Bte. Interdiction.	January 30, 1894
2862	Baker, Amelie Clothilde, wife of J. A. Pernie	March 12, 1894
2877	Boutte, Adele, Wid. of Henry Lede	July 19, 1894
2882	Banker, Geo. W. Emancipation.	September 26, 1894
2885	Bernard, Valsin	November 24, 1894
2886	Baker, Monroe & wife Marie Louise Clothilde Prat	November 27, 1894
2887	Bonhomme, Casimire	November 30, 1894
2899	Begnaud, Josephine, wife of How. Hollier	April 8, 1895
2902	Breaux, Hypolite	April 18, 1895
2907	Broussard, Albert	October 5, 1895
2915	Broussard, Anaise, wife of V. M. Guilbeau	December 27, 1895
2917	Begnaud, Aristide. Interdiction.	January 21, 1896
2946	Benoit, Gualbert. Interdiction.	January 19, 1897
2947	Bulliard, Alphonsine, Wid. Jules Hardy, Jr.	February 6, 1897
2956	Barras, Julie, Wid. Ovide barras	Aug. 14, 1897
2969	Bergeron, Louis Dominique. Emancipation.	February 11, 1898
2969 1/2	Bulliard, Coralie, wife of Nicholas Thibodeaux	February 15, 1898
2973	Besche, Auguste	April 16, 1898
2974	Babin, Chas. Sidney, Sr.	April 16, 1898
2986	Bertrand, Leonard	October 12, 1898
2997	Broussard, Armand. Interdiction.	February 21, 1899
3002	Bourdier, Jos. Misboin Roseline Dartis	May 11, 1899
3009	Brown, Mouton	October 12, 1899
3012	Borel, Dorsey	December 14, 1899
3013	Bernard, Albert [see conveyance No. 52810, Book 119, page 433]	January 19, 1900
3018	Broussard, Carmelite. Emancipation.	February 20, 1900
3023	Beslin, Anals	April 23, 1900
3025	Booth, Percy	May 1, 1900
3026	Borias, Antoine-Rev.	May 7, 1900
3029	Bienvenu, Emma. Emancipation.	June 25, 1900
3030	Bienvenu, F. T.	July 16, 1900

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18	Champagne, Antoine		February 1808
22	Caruthers, William		April 1808
37	Como, Michel		January 1809
68	Clure, Elisha		August 1810
72	Caruthers, David & wife		October 1810
80	Cautrell of Thurots Affairs		February 1811
81	Castille, Mme Joseph nee Ozite Landry		May 1811
85	Cautrell, relative to Rose LeBlanc's affairs		April 1811
130	Cormier, Michel, will of		April 1811
131	Cormier, Ludivine, will of		April 1811
142	Cormier, Joseph		November 1813
147	Collins, Nich.		December 1813
148	Champagne, Pierre. Inventory.		February 1814
171	Comeau, Suzanne. Inventory.		December 1814
173	Concite, Wid. Statement of estate without date		December 1814
199	Caruthers, Louise. Inventory.		June 1815
200	Casey's Rowland Papers		June 1805
204	Carmouche, J. B. Will of.		May 1805
229	Cook Absalom		February 1816
242	Carr, William & Jas. McLaughlin to Nancy White (acquit.)		August 1816
257	Cormier, J. Bte. & his wife		February 1817
262	Campbell, Levi. Will of.		May 1817
267	Comeaux, Dorothe, wife of Jean Langlinee		June 1817
290	Champlin, Guy R. Petition & for letters of adm.		February 1818
323	Chauvette, Jacques, last will [see no. 693]		March 1819
343	Chemin, Louis		November 1819
379	Cormier, Anastasie, Wid. Frederick Mouton		October 1820
391	Calais, Jean Baptiste		February 1821
398	Campbell, Levi. Partition		April 1821
425	Collette, Louis. Last will.		November 1821
429	Cormier, Marie Magdelaine, Wid. Suiron Mere		December 1821
438	Chaisson, Marie, wife of Ancelet Richard		March 1822
440	Carlin, Hyacinthe, wife of Jean Labarthe		April 1822
460	Caruthers, Sallie, wife of Peter Satter		October 1822
480	Crow, Richard. Last will.		June 1823
516	Calais, Azelie, Wid. of Victorin Guidry		August 1824
534	Carriere, Chas., f.m.c. Last will.		August 1825
567	Castevo, Terence & Edm. Proceedings relative &c		February 1827
612	Cormier, Joseph, appt. of tutor		January 1829
617	Castevo, Sebastien		May 1829
630	Castel, Boswell & Christopher Trout		January 1829
654	Castille, Marie Marthe, Wid. Aug. Bijan Will		September 1830
666	Chartin, Jacques Andre		March 1831
687	Clark, Elizabeth, Wid. John Sture		March 1832
693	Chauvette, Jacques. Last will.		May 1832
697	Cockran, Samuel		August 1832

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728	Carlin, Celestin	August 1832
730	Champagne, Francois & Lise Champagne, his wife	August 1832
733	Castille, Marie Marthe, wid. Aug. Bijeau	August 1832
747	Castille, Joseph Ignace	December 1832
750	Cummings, Jane, appt. of tutor	February 1832
772	Cohen, Chas. (alias) Chas. L'Allemand	December 19, 1834
789	Champagne, Antoine	November 6, 1835
792	Chretien, Pelagie. Last will.	December 26, 1835
840	Champagne, Jn. Louis & wife	July 26, 1837
842	Cummings, Thomas. Appt. of tutor	August 7, 1837
854	Caillat, Jean Francois Helaire	November 15, 1837
858	Carlin, Denis & Suzanne Labarthe	December 18, 1837
884	Claverie, Pierre, Dr.	October 4, 1839
900	Chretien, Gerard. Last will.	February 11, 1840
908	Canby, Sarah Wessels, Wid. Jos. Canby. Last will.	June 27, 1840
934	Cherouvrier, Marie Ursule, Wid. Aut. Sovereign. Last will.	September 9, 1841
952	Chretien, Francois D. Last will.	March 30, 1842
956	Chesne, Philippe	April 22, 1842
964	Carlin, Aimee Marie, appt. of tutor	September 6, 1842
983	Cormier, Victoire, Wid. Christ. Bertrand	April 5, 1843
986	Curtis, Mathilda, wife of B. A. Curtis	June 19, 1843
989	Chretien, Madelaine, Wid. Louis Judice	August 15, 1843
999	Collins, Marie, wife of Aurelien Bijeau	November 9, 1843
1010	Cormier, Raphael	January 13, 1844
1017	Cormier, Marcelite, wife Chas. Gauthier	April 9, 1844
1019	Clark, Jeremia	May 9, 1844
1020	Calais, Joseph, f.m.c.	May 9, 1844
1071	Camous, Frank	December 23, 1845
1085	Calais, Marie Celanie, wife of Aut. Derouselle	March 18, 1846
1086	Calais, Onezime	March 18, 1846
1087	Calais, madelaine, Wid. Cyrille Huval	March 18, 1846
1088	Calais, Marie Celeste, wife of Alex. Guidry	March 18, 1846
1101	Claudel, Marguerite Caroline, appt. of Dative tutor	July 2, 1846
1102	Celeste, Lahoussaye, f.w.c.	July 6, 1846
1103	Cummings, William	August 11, 1846
1109	Cormier, Celanie, appt. of dative tutor	October 13, 1846
1118	Calais, Eliza	January 2, 1847
1134	Curtis, Lancing	June 12, 1847
1139	Cormier, Eloy	August 9, 1847
1193	Cormier, Arseine, wife of Valiere Gautrau	October 5, 1848
1206	Carlin, Urain. Last will.	February 3, 1849
1215	Chevalier, Jules	April 21, 1849
1218	Champagne, Pierre	April 28, 1849
1224	Cormier, Carmesile, wife of Alex. Robichau	May 12, 1849
1261	Champagne, Irma, wife of Urain Doucet	September 14, 1850
1270	Chretien, Alagie	December 16, 1850

(To Be Continued)





Properties of Joachim Etie and Josephat Broussard are imposed upon a current map to show relative locations.

# Right of Passage

## Broussard *vs* Etie

by Gertrude C. Taylor

Early settlement and use of the land in the Attakapas District parallels the history of the people who settled there and used the land. Early settlers—retirees from the French army, merchants and traders who sought to establish themselves on land grants along the waterways, and hardy men and women and exiles who sought a new life in a new land—all had in mind purposes ranging from land speculation and exploitation to land occupation and cultivation.

Out of this late 18th century rush to gain possession of land mushroomed problems and controversies never anticipated in the beginning, yet casting their shadows far into the next century. These problems sparking controversies most often arose from two major causes. Poor land measurement and marking led to conflicting boundaries and claims, and all too often those who settled on the back lands found themselves cut off from the avenues of travel and communication. More often these avenues, when they were actually designated as public roads, lay on the other side of neighboring property, sometimes making passage across the land a boiling pot of bitter dispute. This latter situation was the cause of a rather long and apparently hostile struggle between Josaphat Broussard<sup>1</sup> and Emanuel Joachim Etie<sup>2</sup> a conflict brought before the St. Martin Parish District Court in 1831 and resolved by the Louisiana Supreme Court in 1837.

The land over which the question of the right of passage arose lay within a cluster of Spanish grants awarded almost a half century earlier. The first of these grants went to François Grevenberg July 20, 1778.<sup>3</sup> About the same time, or, perhaps three years later, Paul Bonnain (Bonin) received a grant on both sides of Bayou Petite Anse, just below that

1. Josephat Broussard was the son of Amand Broussard and his first wife, Helene Landry. For this family, see Pearl Mary Segura, "Amand Broussard dit Beausoleil," *Attakapas Gazette*, XVIII (1983), 147.

2. Emanuel Joachim Etie was the son of Pierre Etie "of Choproulas," and Victoire Borel. This couple settled on a land claim on both sides of the Teche, just east of the present Iberia-St. Mary Parish line. Victoire Borel's mother was Catherine Toupert, original claimant of this land. Etie's death record indicates that he died Nov. 22, 1821, and was buried on his farm at *Chicot Noir* in St. Mary Parish (east side of Bayou Teche). Donald J. Hebert, *Southwest Louisiana Records* (Eunice, La., 1976), II, 311.

Emanuel Joachim Etie was born Feb. 12, 1805. *Ibid.*, I, 206. He married, April 25, 1825, Clara Migue, daughter of Salvador Migue and Marie Domingue. *Ibid.* Records show a family of nine children, eight boys and one girl. The third child, the namesake of his father, was born Feb. 18, 1829, and married, first, Elvina Segura (Feb. 22, 1851), daughter of Antoine Segura and Marie Carmelite Romero (*Ibid.*, V, 196), and second, Lucille Irma Veazey (May 6, 1856). *Ibid.*, VI, 206. Etie drafted the legislation for the formation of Iberia Parish. He was subsequently elected first parish judge, a position he held for only two years. He died Sept. 27, 1870, age 41 years. *Ibid.*, IX, 136.

3. Louisiana State Land Office Papers, Certificate A-1550. The grant was dated March 5, 1778, and signed by Bernardo de Galvez.

of Grevenberg. June 23, 1781, Louis Bonin obtained a grant below that of his brother.<sup>4</sup> In 1784, François Grevenberg obtained a grant on the east side of Bayou Petit Anse, opposite his grant of 1778.

In the next 47 years these properties changed ownership many times. Only two years after Jean-Louis Bonin received his grant, he sold seven arpents front on the east side of Bayou Petite Anse and three arpents front on the west side to Jean-Baptiste Prevost.<sup>5</sup> About the same time Prevost bought Paul Bonin's 10-arpent-front on both sides of the bayou.<sup>6</sup> Again, two years later, 1785, the property changed hands, going from Prevost to Alexis Carlin.<sup>7</sup>

In 1805, Alexis Carlin sold the west side tract he bought from Paul Bonin to Joseph Broussard, Joseph Broussard,  *fils*, and Amant Broussard.<sup>8</sup> Seven years later the remainder of Carlin's land on Bayou Petite Anse passed to his son, Eugene, who held it until April 30, 1824, when he sold it to Isaac Baker.<sup>9</sup> On Jan. 30, 1828, Baker sold Joachim Etie three and one-third arpents front on the east side of Bayou Petite Anse, the tract in the middle of which, it appears, Etie built his dwelling house.<sup>10</sup>

The controversy between Broussard and Etie arose almost immediately after Etie built a fence across the path Broussard, "and those before him," had used to drive cattle from their *vacherie* on the opposite side of the bayou to the public road beyond Etie's property.<sup>11</sup> This controversy led to the court action brought about by Broussard in 1831.

In this action<sup>12</sup> the plaintiff alleged that he was the owner of a plantation fronting Bayou Petite Anse and lying opposite the land belonging to the defendant; that from the situation of their two plantations, he had *no* way to reach the public road, except by passing over the land of the defendant; that for more than 30 years previous he and those under whom he claimed the land had been in the habit of passing through the land later

4. The Bonin grants were for 10 arpents front each on both sides of Bayou Petite Anse. Paul and Jean-Louis Bonin were the sons of Antoine Bonin and Marie Tellier of Mobile. Jean-Louis married April 25, 1771, Marguerite Prince of Maryland. Hebert, *Records*, VI, 57. Their son, Jean-Louis, was born Nov. 14, 1775. The elder Bonin died Dec. 24, 1795. *Ibid.* Paul Bonin married Marie Louise Fortin (Faustina). He died Dec. 13, 1803 age 45. *Ibid.*, I, 58.

5. St. Martin Parish Original Acts, Bk. 3, 79.

6. *Ibid.*, 76.

7. *Ibid.*, Bk. 4, 69.

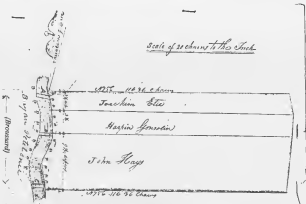
8. Claim of Amant Broussard, *American State Papers*, Public Lands Series, 7 vols. (Washington, D. C., 1807-56), III, 189.

9. St. Martin Parish Conveyance Bk. 1C, no. 5403.

10. *Ibid.*, 297. Etie bought this property three years after his marriage to Clara Nigues. They may have been drawn to this property by the fact that Clara's brothers, Bernard and Salvador Nigues, had, in 1813, purchased the east side land grant of François Grevenberg.

11. The public road probably lay at the customary 40-arpent depth from the bayou.

12. Fifth Judicial District Suit No. 1569, filed April 2, 1831.



I arrived from over from the Fifth <sup>light</sup> point in and for the Parish of St. Martin at the Spring term 1832 in the hull of Joseph Brown Jr. of Etie I proceeded on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of September 1832 to Etie a survey to show a right place on the Bayou Potomac in border between the Parish of Etie in the Parish of St. Martin and Pricery to the said operations I gave notice to the said Joseph Brown Jr. by his son and Joachin Etie and in the presence of Harpin Gonsoulin & Jack Brown I proceeded along said Bayou at C in ferry boat and homeward operations and then along the Bayou on the west side <sup>to the</sup> light Chain to D ascending place where Brown has his house then with the Alexander of the Bayou to A <sup>chain</sup> 20.50 link to the Canal of Etie Joachin Etie landing then returned across the Bayou at C and homeward at the lower part of the land of John Brown 16 chain south of the Mouth of Canal at C thence N 15 W 3/4 a ferry to the line of Harpin Gonsoulin the upper side of the Canal at B thence N 15 W 3/4 a ferry to the 100th line of Joachin Etie thence 23 1/2 6 chain to the Mouth of the Canal in the enclosure of said Etie the A as represented in all the operations in the above plat more and exact in their original this 6th Oct 1832

Wm. C. Jackson Dep. Surveyor

occupied by the defendant and of passing near his house so as to reach the public road in the shortest route; that in consequence of passage for more than 30 years, it had become a legal servitude, attached to his (the petitioner's) land. Broussard also asked for damages for deprivation of the right of passage.

In reply, the defendant denied that the plaintiff's land was so situated as to entitle him to a right of way over his (Etie's) land; that if it should be accorded to the plaintiff, it should be over the part where it is least injurious to him; as it was, it passed through the middle of his plantation and near his dwelling house.

After briefs filed by lawyers for plaintiff and defendant, testimony of neighbors, and an official diagram of the plantations involved were introduced to the court, the district judge decided that the plaintiff had clearly established a legal servitude and that the defendant should pull down his fence and open passage.

From this judgment the defendant appealed.<sup>13</sup> September 30, 1837, the Louisiana Supreme Court rendered its decision, adjudging and decreeing that the judgment of the District Court be "annulled, avoided, and reversed." This decision, based on Louisiana Civil Code, established the following precedents: The proprietor of an adjacent estate cannot claim the right of way over his neighbor's land by prescription, a proprietor whose estate is surrounded by his neighbor may claim the right of passage over the land of the latter, but this right he must acquire from the owner of the estate who is to give it; and, the owner of an estate . . . does not render himself liable to a suit . . . if not exercised within 30 years.<sup>14</sup>

Even before the Supreme Court handed down its decision, the tone of controversy had begun to change. Josephat Broussard died April 19, 1836,<sup>15</sup> and Etie had begun to think of leaving the scene of bitterness between himself and a man who was twice his age. On Aug. 19, 1837, Etie and his neighbor, Harpin Gonsoulin, sold to Boyd Smith one and two-thirds arpents front, a tract which they owned jointly.<sup>16</sup> Nine days after the Supreme Court decided in his favor, Etie bought a town lot in New Iberia.<sup>17</sup> The next day he sold

13. May 2, 1836, Joachim Etie took appeal in the First District Court, Western Division, Louisiana Supreme Court.

14. *Broussard v Etie*, no. 264. Thomas Curry, *Reports of Cases Argued and Determined in the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana* (New Orleans, 1828), XI, 394-401. This provision was amended in 1977, effective Jan. 1, 1978, making prescription for the right of passage a term of ten years. The right, however, was not retroactive. LSA-CC, Art. 740, Bk 3-A, 372.

15. Hebert, *Records*, III, 108. Broussard was 64 years old. His survivors were his widow, Francoise Trahan, and children, Eloy Josephat; Marie Aspasie, married to Pierre Arsenaud; Marie Denise, widow of Joseph Bonnal, fils; Rosemond; Marie Marguerite, married to Alexander Arsenaud; and Joseph. In the settlement of his estate, Broussard's property on Bayou Petite Anse went to his son, Rosemond.

16. St. Martin Parish Conveyance Bk. 10, 8171.

17. *Ibid.*, 8195.

his three-and-one-third-arpent front plantation on Bayou Petite Anse to Mary Hays.<sup>18</sup> Thus in nine years, six of them involved in controversy, the land ownership picture had changed again.

Etie moved immediately into the town that would be incorporated two years later, but he barely saw that event take place. He died Sept. 23, 1839, at age 34,<sup>19</sup> leaving nine minor children, the progeny of whom left a definite mark upon the face of New Iberia.<sup>20</sup>

18. Etie bought from Joseph Castagnier a lot bounded north by F. H. Duperier, south by F. C. Boutte, fils, east by Bayou Teche, and west by Main St. *Ibid.*, 8195.


Etie subsequently bought two other lots in the town. Inventory of his estate, dated Sept. 7, 1841, show the following pieces of property:

1. A town lot in New Iberia at the corner of Main and Weeks streets, measuring 120 feet on Weeks by 30 ft. on Main . . . with a dwelling house and other improvements thereon.
2. A town lot on Weeks St. about 60 ft. front by 75 ft. depth.
3. A town lot on the corner of Julia and Main streets about 25 ft. front on Main and extending therefrom to Bayou Teche . . . with a store of frame construction and other improvements.

S. M. Succession no. 944.

19. Hebert, *Records*, III, 236. Etie probably died in the yellow fever epidemic of 1839. His mother had died two weeks earlier, and his brother-in-law, Salvador Miquies died two weeks later.

20. Etie's minor children were Pierre, Drauzin, Joachim, DeLuc, Antoine St. Cyr, Adolph, Telesphore, Eleanor, and Octave. Of these all reached adulthood, married, and had families except Adolph, who died at age 9. Emanuel Joachim distinguished himself as first judge of Iberia Parish. Alfred C. and Aristide Etie, sons of Antoine St. Cyr and Camilla LaRauve, were brick masons whose work shows on the facades of several turn-of-the-century buildings on Main St. in New Iberia. The newly restored Pascal Building on the corner of Main and Weeks streets and the Gougenheim Building on the west corner of Main and Iberia streets and the adjoining building are definitely the work of the Etie brothers. Others bearing similar design and workmanship—the KDEA Building, the Satterfield Building, and the old Muller Store—all on Main St., as well as some on Julia St., are possibly the works of the Etie brothers. In the New Iberia City Hall is the cornerstone of the old City Hall and City Market, bearing as part of the inscription: Aristide Etie, Architect and Builder, and Alfred C. Etie, Assistant Architect and Builder.



152.

Known to Indentures  
 of  
 Ferguson Indenture  
 18<sup>th</sup> July 1818

Recorded in Book  
 D pages 450 & 451 of the  
 Records of the Parish of  
 Saint Landry this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
 of July one thousand  
 eight hundred and  
 Eighteen.

Geo. King Judge

changed — paid

State of Louisiana  
Parish of St Landry

This Indenture made the eighteenth day

of July in the Year one thousand eight hundred and Eight  
Witnesseth, That for and in Consideration of the sum of eight  
hundred and forty dollars which Daniel Ferguson has paid  
into the hands of Susan Spencer of the State of Louisiana and  
Parish of Rapide to release from a former indenture of  
servitude a free negro man named William Brown of  
the State of New York, the said William Brown free negro  
as aforesaid hath bound and put himself servant to the  
said Daniel Ferguson of the Parish of Saint Landry to  
serve him as a slave from the day of the date of these  
presents until the full end and term of fifty years, during  
all which time the said William Brown shall well and  
faithfully serve his said master, <sup>his heirs &c</sup> and that honestly and obe-  
-diently in all things as a good and faithful servant —  
ought to do — and the said Daniel Ferguson during  
the said term shall find and provide for the said William  
Brown sufficient meat clothing & sustenance for a  
slave. — In Witness whereof the said Daniel Ferguson  
has hereunto signed and the said William Brown also  
by making a mark not knowing how to write in  
presence of the subscribing witnesses and before George  
King Parish Judge of the aforesaid Parish of Saint Landry  
at Opelousas the day and year above written. —

"his heirs &c" interlined before signing —

Witnesses

Jam. Ray

William <sup>his</sup> Brown Seal  
mk

Isaac Griffith

Daniel Ferguson Seal  
Geo King, Judge



## ST. MARY PARISH NEWS

## Elections\*

At a meeting of the Police Jury of the Parish of St. Mary, held on Wednesday, June 24, 1846, the following appointment of Commissioners and places of holding elections, for one year from the third Monday in July next, were made, viz:

*For the First Police Jury Ward:* James S. Peebles, Alex. Hebert, and John D. Wilkins; at the house of James S. Peebles.

*Second Ward:* Ursin Provost, Jr., R. McCarty, and Leufroy Bonvillian; at the store of Simeon Patout.

*Third Ward:* G. Grevemberg, G. L. Fusilier, and Jos. A. Frere; at the house of Mrs. [illegible].

*Fourth Ward:* Henry Penn, Jr., Laurent Sigur, and Numa Sigur; at the house of Gregoire Bodin.

*Fifth Ward:* John M. Foote, B. Martel, and W. S. Harding; at the Store of Messrs. Gallard Lancelin.

*Sixth Ward:* Stephan Duncan, James Campbell, and James Porter; at the house of James Campbell.

*Seventh Ward:* John B. Murphy, Marcus Walker, and Robert Hare; at the Court House in Franklin.

*Eighth Ward:* R. W. Harris, A. L. Fields, and M. F. Demaret, at the house of R. W. Harris.

*Ninth Ward:* Nathan Berwick, Wm. Rice, and John J. Garrett; at the house of David Berwick.

*Tenth Ward:* Wm. T. Palfrey, Michel Charpentier, and Numa Cornay; at the house of P. C. Bethel.

*Eleventh Ward:* Thos. Wilcoxon, Wm. J. Nash, and A. M. Stanley; at the Coffee House of Wm. Ager.

*Twelfth Ward:* Wm. Cocke, John Burriss, and R. B. Brashear; at the house of Thomas Stansbury.

R. N. McMillan,  
Clerk, Police Jury

\*Franklin (La.) *Planters' Banner*, July 9, 1846.

# Raising Cattle in the Attakapas 1860-1883

## Testimony from the French and American Claims

*by Michael James Foret*

Among the recent acquisitions of the Morgan City Archives are a number of cases from the files of the French and American Claims Commission. Responsibility of this commission was to investigate claims put forward by French citizens resident in Louisiana during the Civil War as losses from pillage, confiscation, or requisition. Cases were generally decided on two issues: 1) could the claimant substantiate the loss of the material in question; 2) was he a French citizen at the time and was he entitled to make such a claim. In these claims beef cattle figure prominently for two reasons: the need to feed the Federal army and the large number of beef cattle in South Louisiana in general, and in the Attakapas in particular.

In deciding the merits of Brashear City (Morgan City) butcher Charles Forgues<sup>1</sup> claim, counsels for the government and the plaintiff agreed to include as part of the record in this case part of the testimony from the case of New Iberian Henry Picheloup. Picheloup was also claiming the value of cattle lost to the Federal army. In his case, to establish the value of those cattle, the government had called as witnesses Charles Clerc<sup>2</sup> and Edward Foreman, two local cattlemen. Their testimony recalled conditions in the cattle industry in the early 1880s, when the testimony was given.

Heretofore, files of the French and American Claims Commission have been greatly neglected by historians of the Attakapas and South Louisiana. However, the following testimony of claimants and witnesses in these cases may add important details and insights into the history of the Attakapas during one of its crucial periods.

1. In his testimony Forgues claims to have been born at Esparos, Department of Hautes-Pyrennees, France, on October 16, 1830, and to have lost his birth certificate. In the 1880 census, however, he gives his age as 47, a discrepancy of 3 years. Glenn R. Conrad and Margaret Conrad, comps., "Census of the White Population of New Iberia, 1880," *Attakapas Gazette*, XI (1976), 168.

2. Charles Clerc (Clerc) is listed in the 1880 census as a butcher, 52 years old, and a native of Switzerland. His wife, Josephine Simon, who was 40 years old, is listed as a native of France. *Ibid.*, 126.

TESTIMONY OF CHARLES FORGUES, CLAIMANT,  
TAKEN AT NEW IBERIA  
ON DECEMBER 16, 1881

My name is Charles Forgues. I am the claimant in this claim. I reside in the town of New Iberia in the Parish of Iberia, Louisiana. I am 51 years of age.

Q. Where were you born and when:

A. I was born at Esparros, Department of Hautes-Pyrennes France, on the sixteenth day of October Eighteen hundred and thirty. I had my certificate of birth but it has been lost.

[Note: Counsel for the United States calls for the certificate of birth.]

Q. Did the Federal army or soldiers take any property from you during the war?

A. Yes sir.

Q. What kind of property did they take?

A. Beeves, horses, & carts.

[Note: Counsel for the United States objects to the proof of a cart as not set out in the memorial.]

Q. When were they taken?

A. It was in the year 1861, the year the Federals took Morgan City or Brashear City, I do not recollect the year.

Q. How many heads of oxen or cattle were taken?

A. They took thirty-eight Beeves.

Q. What kind of cattle were they? Were they beef steers, cows, or calves?

A. They were Texas beeves.

Q. How much were they worth a head?

A. They were worth forty dollars per head.

Q. Did you have them for sale?

A. Yes, sir to butcher.

Q. At what point did you butcher?

A. At Brashear City, La.

Q. About what was the average weight of these beeves?

A. Four or five hundred pounds each on an average.

Q. What was beef worth this time on foot?

A. I paid forty dollars for them per head.

Q. Where were they at, at the time they were taken?

A. At Morgan City La., then called Brashear City in the Parish of St Mary.

Q. How many horses did they take from you?

A. Two horses.

Q. What kind of horses were they?

A. They were American horses.

Q. What did you use them for?

A. One was used for the saddle and the other in a cart.

Q. What were these horses worth a piece at that time?

A. I paid two hundred dollars a piece for them.

- Q. Were they worth that in your judgment at the time they were taken?  
 A. Yes sir, horses were very high.  
 Q. Where were they at at the time they were taken?  
 A. In the commons at Brashear City.  
 Q. How many carriages or carts were taken?  
 A. One cart.  
 Q. What was the cart used for?  
 A. I used it in my butcher's business to carry meat.  
 Q. What was it worth?  
 A. Four hundred dollars.  
 Q. Where was the carriage or cart when it was taken?  
 A. In my yard in Brashear City.  
 Q. Were these things all taken at the same time?  
 A. Yes sir, all was taken at the same time.  
 Q. Who was in command of the army at that time in Brashear City?  
 A. It was the Colonel of the 8th Vermont who took command at the Bay, as I was told.  
 Q. Do you recollect the name of the officer or soldiers that took the things?  
 A. No, I only recollect the name of the Colonel, his name was Colonel Thomas of the 8th Vermont.  
 Q. Did you get any receipt for these things at the time they were taken if so, what became of it?  
 A. Yes sir, I had a receipt, I have lost it with all my papers.  
 Q. How did you come to loose your [sic]  
 A. I was robbed of everything that I possessed.  
 Q. Were you paid for any of these things?  
 A. No sir.  
 Q. Do you recollect the name of the General who was in command of the army at Brashear City at that time?  
 A. I cannot recollect the name of the General, it has been so long since.

CROSS-EXAMINED BY TAYLOR BEATTIE, ESQUIRE  
 SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE UNITED STATES

- Q. Where did you buy those beeves?  
 A. At the Bay from Charles Padillo a colored man.  
 Q. When?  
 A. About one month before they took them from me.  
 Q. What sort of money did you pay him?  
 A. In Gold and in Louisiana State Bank Notes.  
 Q. How much for each?  
 A. I cannot say, there was more notes than Gold.  
 Q. About how much Gold?  
 A. About one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars in Gold.  
 Q. Did you give him that Gold at par?  
 A. Yes sir, cattle dealers at that time preferred bank notes to Gold because they could carry it better.

TESTIMONY OF CHARLES CLERC IN THE  
CASE OF HENRY PICHELOUP, No. 711,  
TAKEN AT NEW ORLEANS ON FEBRUARY 5, 1883

Q. Where do you reside?

A. I reside in the town of New Iberia Louisiana.

Q. What is your age?

A. I am 55 years of age.

Q. Are you interested in this claim?

A. No sir.

Q. Are you the agent of the claimant?

A. No sir.

Q. What is your occupation?

A. I am a butcher and a stock dealer.

Q. How long have you resided in New Iberia?

A. Twenty one years.

Q. How long have you been a butcher and a stock dealer?

A. Forty two years.

Q. Did you buy and sell cattle in and about New Iberia in 1862 and 1863?

A. Yes sir.

Q. How far from New Iberia is Fausse Pointe at Eugene H. Wallet's place?

A. About four miles.

Q. Mr. Eugene Walet when recalled by claimant speaks of a lot of twenty seven head of Creole cattle raised in this country and which he had on his place in April 1863—he states it was a mixed lot beeves, cows, and heifers—tell me from your experience as a stock dealer—what would be the average price per head for such a lot in the spring of 1863, when they were taken.

A. About fifteen dollars—that is hard to say as it depends how many heifers, grown or small.

Q. If you did not know exactly how many of each kind in this lot of twenty seven in approximating and in your opinion and on your experience, tell me, how much per head would you average a lot twenty seven head of cattle simply stated to have been composed of a mixed number of beeves, cows and heifers at that time?

A. Fifteen dollars.

Q. What was the value of such beeves as are raised in this section of the country in the spring of 1863?

A. From twenty to twenty two dollars for Creole beeves in the spring of 1863.

Q. Suppose they were Texas beeves how much were they worth in the Spring of 1863?

A. They averaged about twenty five dollars.

Q. Suppose that they were then in an ill condition what would Texas beeves have brought in the spring of 1863, if a market could have been found for them here?

A. About twenty three dollars because they had survived the winter.

Q. What would such beeves as are raised in this country have brought in the spring of 1863, if in a thin condition and if a market could have been found for them here?

A. From eighteen to twenty dollars.

CROSS EXAMINED BY JOHN RAY ESQUIRE  
ON BEHALF OF THE CLAIMANT

- Q. Do you recollect to have bought any beef cattle or cattle of any kind here in the spring of 1863?
- A. Yes sir, I was buying most every day.
- Q. Did you know anything about the cattle Mr. Walet had in his pasture in 1863 and belonging to Mr. Picheloup?
- A. I know he had some but I do not remember the quality. I went there myself and got some—I did not buy any of the Picheloup stock—I went there three or four times to get some cattle. It was a large pasture and there were cattle there for different parties.
- Q. If those cattle had been taken across into the Federal lines at that time what would they have been worth there at that time?
- A. They would have been worth the New Orleans price less the cost of taking them to New Orleans at that time.
- Q. Was not stock in the Federal lines at that time very high?
- A. Yes sir, very high.
- Q. Was Mr. Walet a good judge of the value of stock at that time?
- A. I could not tell you. I suppose he was because he was raised here, and he was in the business of keeping stock.
- Q. Do you know what it would have cost at that time to take beeves inside of the Federal lines to New Orleans?
- A. By a large drove it would have cost about two dollars per head—and in a small drove it would have cost nearly double as much.
- Q. What were beef cows worth at that time?
- A. About sixteen dollars.
- Q. What were very young heifers worth?
- A. A two year old heifer was worth from nine to ten dollars.
- Q. When you speak of a heifer you mean a cow over a year old—do you not?
- A. Yes sir.

RE-DIRECT BY WALTER D. DENEGRE  
ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES

- Q. What were very young heifers worth in the spring of 1863?
- A. From eight to nine dollars.
- Q. Suppose they had been thin—and in a poor condition what would they have been worth at that time?
- A. There was no market for that class of cattle.
- Q. Did cattle have to be in a fairly good condition to be marketable at that time?
- A. For butchering use, yes, but for raising, it made very little difference.
- Q. Was the price for butchering cattle higher than the price for cattle bought to be raised and kept as stock at that time?

- A. When I spoke of each kind of stock separately I gave prices at that time among butchers. When I spoke of a mixed lot of beeves, cows and heifers I spoke of them as stock.

RE-CROSSED BY JOHN RAY ESQUIRE  
ON BEHALF OF THE CLAIMANT

- Q. When the winter is passed and the month of April has arrived—stock that has survived through the winter are generally on the increase are they not, and considered in good saleable condition?
- A. Yes sir.

RE-DIRECT

- Q. Suppose that not withstanding the fact that they had survived the winter they were still in a thin and poor condition would they have been considered marketable by butchers?
- A. If they have survived they are on an increasing condition at that time and there is no difference in them for stock purposes but among butchers it is only a question of time.

TESTIMONY OF EDWARD FOREMAN  
IN THE CASE OF HENRY PICHELOUP, No. 711,  
TAKEN AT NEW ORLEANS ON FEBRUARY 6, 1883

- Q. Where do you reside?
- A. In the Parish of Iberia.
- Q. What is your age?
- A. I am 60 years of age.
- Q. What is your occupation?
- A. I have been dealing in stock for the last forty years.
- Q. Mr. Foreman you have stated that you have been dealing in stock for the last forty years. Will you kindly give us an idea of the extent of your operations?
- A. I can't state the exact quantity but I think a hundred thousand sure perhaps more.
- Q. Mr. Foreman, as a judge of stock and a man who has dealt largely in them for the last forty years, tell me, suppose I would say to you that I had a lot of twenty seven head of cattle at the time the Federals first came to this country, and I told you that the lot of twenty seven head consisted of a mixed number of beeves, cows, and heifers. Can you tell me, what would have been the average price per head in this section of the country for such a lot in the spring of 1863, when the Yankees first came here?
- A. Of course it would make a difference according to the number of beeves, and heifers in the lot—they ought to be worth on an average fifteen dollars per head in Gold at that time.
- Q. What was the price for cows in this section of the country in the spring of 1863?
- A. Cows were worth from twelve to fifteen dollars a piece according to quality.
- Q. What was the price for calves at that time?

- A. From five to six dollars according to quality.
- Q. What was the price for heifers at the time in this section of the country?
- A. A cow three years old goes as a heifer when she is four year old she goes as a cow. Two and three years old heifers mixed up would have been worth ten dollars a piece.
- Q. What did beeves range at per head in the spring of 1863 when the Federals first came to this section of the country?
- A. I think they were worth from twenty to thirty dollars according to quality, size and weight had a good deal to do in that.
- Q. Did you own any about the time the Federals first came here?
- A. Yes sir, about Eleven hundred big ones, as good as the country could afford.
- Q. Were they as good stock as are generally found or driven here from Texas at that time?
- A. Yes sir just as good as cattle as could be driven here or could be seen in this country.
- Q. What would you have taken for them per head all around in Gold in the spring of 1863?
- A. I would have taken twenty five dollars in Gold—if they had taken them all.

CROSS EXAMINED BY JOHN RAY, ESQUIRE  
ON BEHALF OF CLAIMANT

- Q. When did you settle to live in this town?
- A. I have lived here for about five or six years. I have had a home here for about three years.
- Q. Where did you live in 1863?
- A. I lived in the Parish of Vermillion.
- Q. Where have your stock operations been chiefly carried on?
- A. In Vermillion and in this Parish—Iberia Parish.
- Q. During the whole forty years you have been engaged in your business?
- A. Yes sir, going and coming there and here, driving stock shipping them Etc.
- Q. Where has been your principal market for stock?
- A. In New Orleans, and on the coast.
- Q. What became of the Eleven hundred head of cattle you had when the Federals first came here?
- A. Some of them were taken by the Federals, some by the Confederates. I do not know where they all went to, but I know a portion went to both armies.
- Q. Did you ever make a claim for those taken by the Federals?
- A. No Sir.
- Q. Did you ever deal in Texas cattle?
- A. Yes sir, I have.
- Q. Are they more or less valuable than stock raised in this country?
- A. They are less valuable—they are of less value in this country and the Texas cattle did not bring as much in the New Orleans market as our own cattle raised here. None that I ever handled did.



- Q. What were cows fit for slaughtering and which were bought for that purpose worth in 1863?
- A. That depended upon the quality—from fifteen to twenty dollars, according to size and weight.
- Q. What were steers of the same quality and for the same purpose worth at that time?
- A. They were worth from twenty to twenty five dollars, some of them are worth thirty dollars that depended on size and quality.
- Q. Cattle under four years old of the same quality and for the same purpose—

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#### AN HEROIC ACT\*

Last week, a boy about nine years old, a son of A. Lafontaine, of Indian Bend in this Parish, who was riding along the bank of the Teche, was thrown from the horse into the river, and must have perished, were it not for the praiseworthy exertions of Mr. B. Martel. Mr. M. was some distance from the spot, and hearing the shrieks of the boy's mother, who witnessed the occurrence, ran toward the river, and although in quite a delicate state of health, and breathless from running, plunged into the water, and with great difficulty saved the child from a watery grave, and restored him to the arms of his agonized mother. Such a deed does honor to humanity and merits public attention.

\*Franklin (La.) *Planters' Banner*, Sept. 20, 1845.

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#### CONCERT AND COTILLION PARTY\*

Mr. Cobini respectfully informs the ladies and gentlemen of St. Mary, that he will give a *Concert* at the Franklin Exchange Ball Room, on Tuesday evening, Jan. 6, at 7 o'clock. After the concert, if desired, Mr. Cobini will play Contre-danses, and Waltzes, and end the evening with a dancing party. Admittance: gentlemen, \$1.00.

\*Franklin (La.) *Planters' Banner*, Jan. 3, 1846.

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# JUDICE

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Louis Judice, Sr., son of Jacques Judice, a native of Thiancourt, France, and Marie Jeantry, a native of Theres Bishopric and La Rochelle, was born in New Orleans in 1733. He married Jeanne Marie Cantrelle (born 1733), daughter of Jacques Cantrelle, who came from Picardie, France, in 1720. Judice settled on the upper side of Bayou Lafourche (where it enters the Mississippi), on a tract granted to him by Spanish Governor Luis de Unzaga, Nov. 5, 1775. Jacques Cantrelle settled on his grant fronting the river just below Bayou Lafourche, at a place known as Cabannocer. Judice and Cantrelle were leaders among the natives as well as among the early settlers along the Mississippi, both serving as commandants and both establishing church parishes around which communities later sprang up.

Louis Judice and Jeanne Cantrelle had two sons, Louis, born in 1754, and Michel, in 1758. It was the older of these brothers who came to the Attakapas, carrying with him his father's attributes of wisdom and leadership. It appears that with his wife, Marguerite Patin, daughter of Antoine Patin and Marguerite Mayeux of Pointe Coupee, he settled in the St. Martinville area as early as 1775, and that only one of his four sons, Godfrey, was born in the Attakapas. In 1800, after the death of his wife, Louis Judice married Magdaleine Chretien, daughter of Joseph Chretien and Magdaleine Saunier. They had five children.

After 1807, when he registered his land, Judice held title to eight tracts of land in the Attakapas. In 1808, he added another tract to his holdings when he purchased from his brother-in-law, Pierre Chretien, a plantation on Bayou Bourbeau. It appears that he later transferred this plantation to his son, Maximilien, bringing his son north of what later became Lafayette Parish while his other two surviving sons, Louis III and Jacques, remained in the area of St. Martinville and Loreauville.

The Judices were primarily farmers, who, throughout the years served their country and their fellows well. They carried from their forefathers the idea of receiving and helping others to receive the best from education. Among those who distinguished themselves in this field were Joseph Alcee Judice, who established a private school for boys in St. Martinville; Alcide Judice, founder of Scott, La., who sought to further the education of everyone around him; and his son, Louis Leo Judice, who gave outstanding service to the public schools of Lafayette Parish and to the development of Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

\*This genealogy is compiled mainly from church records as they appear in Donald J. Hebert, comp., *Southwest Louisiana Records*. It is possible that errors, stemming from the multiple use of the same given names and the interchanging use of double given names, have occurred during this compilation.

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## DESCENDANTS OF LOUIS JUDICE AND JEANNE CANTRELLE

1. LOUIS, b. ca. 1750, d. Aug. 15, 1819 at age 69 (SMch: v. 4, no. 1267). (SMCt. Hse: Succ: no. 344).  
m. 1st. Marguerite Patin of Pointe Coupee, d/o Antoine Patin and Marguerite Mayeux.

## A. Jacques

m. Jan. 30, 1791 (SMch: v. 4, no. 137), Marie Hyacinthe Boutte, d/o Antoine Boutte and Marie Françoise DeGruy (Mar., Contract: SM Ct. Hse: OA, 18-36), d/o Jean-Baptiste DeGruy and Elizabeth de Montard.

1. DORALISE, M., b. ———, d. Nov. 15, 1868, age 70 (SMch: v. 5, p. 329).  
m. 1st., Aug. 13, 1816 (SMch: v. 5, no. 418), François Gustave Lepelletier Delahoussaye, s/o Alexandre Delahoussaye and Jeanne Pellerin, d. July 25, 1818.  
m. 2nd., Jan. 28, 1823 (SMch: v. 6, no. 317-A), Leufroy Prevost, s/o Nicolas Prevost and Marie Prevost.

2. ALEXANDER, b. March 24, 1802 (SMch: v. 6, no. 15). d. Nov. 27, 1880 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 14).  
m. 1st., Feb. 18, 1822 (SMch: v. 6, no. 281), Suzanne Dugas, d/o Eloi Dugas and Suzanne David, d. Aug. 7, 1833.

## a. MARIE HYACINTHE

m. 1843 (SMch: v. 8, no. 229), Sosthène Vincent, s/o Charles Vincent and Celeste LaBauve.

- b. DESIRE, b. May 2, 1823 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1551). d. Sept. 18, 1867 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 131). m. Feb. 7, 1853 (SMch: v. 9, no. 42). Elise LaBauve.

- (1) ALBERT, b. Feb. 5, 1856 (SMch: v. 10, no. 327).

m. Jan. 15, 1877 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 55), Devinne Dugas, d/o Louis Dugas and Amelia Trahan.

- (a) JOSEPH LEONCE, b. Nov. 13, 1877 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 61).  
m. Aug. 14, 1899 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 99), Felicia Breaux, d/o Donat Breaux and Amanda Neraud.

- (b) EMILIA, b. Oct. 4, 1881 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 111).

- (c) JOSEPH SIDNEY, b. May 23, 1884 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 152).

- (d) MARIE HELLA, b. April 19, 1889 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 34).

- (e) MARIE EUNICE, b. Aug. 3, 1891.

m. Jan. 21, 1918 (Loreauville ch: Bapt. bk. 2, p. 59), Joseph Adrien Landry.

- (f) JOSEPH ALBERT, b. Jan. 30, 1897.

m. Feb. 24, 1920 (Loreauville ch: Bapt. Bk: v. 2, p. 141), Anette Breaux.

- (2) JEAN-BAPTISTE GODFREY, b. June 23, 1848 (Loreauville ch: v. 10, no. 527).  
 m. Jan. 17, 1882 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, no. 101), Edmonia Broussard, d/o Doria Broussard and Mathilde Bonin.

(a) VALERY, b. Aug. 29, 1884 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, no. 154).

(b) CARLOS, b. Dec. 5, 1882 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, no. 128).

(c) MATHILDE, b. Nov. 3, 1886 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 186).

(d) JOSEPH G., b. Dec. 22, 1888 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 26).

(e) PAUL BAUREGARD, b. Jan. 11, 1891 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 52).

(f) PHILIPPE AUSTIN, b. Nov. 25, 1895 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 120).

(g) JEAN STANLEY, b. Nov. 2, 1897 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 162).

- (3) SUZANNE, b. March 14, 1862 (SMch: v. 10, no. 1022).  
 m. Jan. 20, 1881 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 88), Carlos Ransonet, s/o Henri Ransonet and Marie Estelle Bonin.

- (4) NEOMIE  
 m. May 3, 1870 (SMch: v. 10, no. 339), Oscar Dugas, s/o Desire Dugas and Melite Broussard.

- (5) CHARLES, bt. May 8, 1865 (SMch: v. 10, p. 1351).  
 m. Oct. 23, 1885 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 131), Marie Hébert, d/o Treville Hébert and Pauline Landry.

(a) CHARLES D., b. Oct. 7, 1887 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 65).

(b) ONIL THEOBALD, b. Jan. 22, 1892 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 65).

(c) JEAN ENES, b. June 12, 1896 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 29).

- c. ELIZABETH (PEUPONNE), b. Jan. 22, 1826 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1864).  
 d. Jan. 20, 1865 (SMch: v. 5, p. 298).  
 m. Jan. 20, 1845 (Nich: v. 1, p. 64), Eloi Dugas, s/o Eloi Dugas, Sr. and Julie Broussard.

## 2. ALEXANDER

- m. 2nd., September 8, 1834 (SMch: v. 7, no. 305), Marie Celestine Judice, d/o Alexandre Judice and Marie Celeste Boutté.

- d. SOSTHENE, b.-----.

m. Jan. 1, 1850 (Nich: v. 1, p. 111), Ophelia Vigneaux, d/o Philippe Vi-

gneaux and Hortense Provost.

- (1) VICTORIA, b. Oct. 9, 1851 (NICH: v. 1, p. 150).  
m. Aug. 17, 1872 (SMch: v. 10, no. 487), Simeon Hébert, s/o Gilbert Hébert and Celeste Labauve.
- (2) GABRIELLE SIDONIE, b. Feb. 19, 1860 (SMch: v. 10, no. 735).  
m. Dec. 28, 1876 (SMch: v. 10, no. 653), Lycurgus Jerome Durham, s/o Joshua Durham and Caroline Codington.
- (3) LUCIE, b. May 17, 1862 (SMch: v. 10, no. 1076).  
m. Oct. 1, 1877 (SMch: v. 10, no. 682), Telesphore Wiltz, s/o Joseph Wiltz and Marie LeBlanc.
- (4) LAURENCE, b. Nov. 17, 1863 (SMch: v. 10, no. 1204).  
m. Jan. 18, 1885 (SMch: v. 11, p. 29), Denis Fridley, s/o Jacob Fridley and Victorie Dutel.
- (5) ADOLPHE, b. Dec. 11, 1865 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 28).  
m. March 7, 1887 (SMch: v. 11, p. 94), Philomene Sidonie Olivier.
  - (a) MARIE ISABEL, b. Feb. 11, 1889 (SMch: v. 13, p. 82).
  - (b) MARIE MAY, b. May 1, 1892 (SMch: v. 13, p. 217).
- (6) LOUIS SIDNEY, b. Sept. 5, 1867 (SMch: v. 10, p. 77).  
m. Jan. 20, 1890 (SMch: v. 11, p. 155), Regina Thomas, d/o Albert Thomas and Elmire Broussard.
  - (a) LOUIS, b. Jan. 20, 1892 (SMch: v. 13, p. 198).
  - (b) JOSEPH WILLIE, b. Dec. 13, 1894 (SMch: v. 14, p. 6).
  - (c) MARIE AMELIA, b. May 14, 1900 (SMch: v. 14, p. 238).
- (7) JEANNE, b. June 27, 1870 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 149).
- e. MARIE ZINA, b. Aug. 8, 1837 (SMch: v. 8, no. 949).  
m. Dec. 11, 1854 (SMch: v. 9, no. 119), Joseph Chourrean, Diocese of Toulouse, Department of Haute Garonne, France.
- f. ERNEST MAXIMILIEN, b. May 5, 1839 (SMch: v. 8, no. 1581).  
m. July 20, 1865 (SMch: v. 9, no. 376), Alicia Pellerin, d/o Balthazar Pellerin and Celina Judice.
- (1) ALEXANDROZ GABRIEL, b. July 6, 1866 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 4).  
m. Nov. 27, 1889 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 39), Laurence Dorsey, d/o Oscar Darcey and Adelaide Kelly.

- (a) JOSEPH ANTHONY, b. Aug. 19, 1890 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 40).
- (b) ALEXANDER HENRY, b. Aug. 9, 1892 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 154).
- (c) RODOLPHE ULGERE, b. Nov. 21, 1897 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 154).
- (d) ERNEST ADAM, b. Dec. 25, 1900 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 198).
- (2) REGINA, b. -----.  
m. Feb. 22, 1892 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 14), Desire Blanchard, s/o Olivier Blanchard and Elise Champagne.
- (3) LOUIS FERNAND, b. Oct. 6, 1872 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 203),  
m. March 15, 1900 (SMch: v. 12, p. 118), Therese Amy, d/o Antoine Amy and Zulmee Acher.
- (a) ANTOINE, b. Dec. 31, 1900 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 188).
- (4) MARIE SYLVIE, b. Nov. 13, 1874 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 27).
- (5) JOSEPH FERNES, b. March 18, 1877 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 51).
- (6) MARIE ERZELIE, b. May 20, 1878 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 65).
- (7) MARIE MARTHA, b. Sept. 14, 1879 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 82).
- (8) JOSEPH EDOUARD, b. Aug. 20, 1892 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 73).
- g. LEONTINE  
m. April 12, 1858 (SMch: v. 9, no. 242), Joseph Breaux, s/o Amand Breaux and Colinta Breaux.
- h. CHARLES, b. Sept. 7, 1846 (SMch: v. 9, no. 34).
- i. ST. CYR, b. Oct. 26, 1848 (SMch: v. 9, no. 38).  
m. Nov. 15, 1869 (SMch: v. 10, no. 174), Rosa Judice, d/o Antoine Theodule Judice and Amelia LaBarthe.
- (1) PAUL JOSEPH, b. May 13, 1871 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 166).
- (2) MARIE EMMA, b. Jan. 5, 1873 (SMch: v. 11, p. 248).  
m. Dec. 12, 1889 (Nlch: v. 3, p. 320), Homer Leleu, widr/o Cecile Robicheaux.
- (3) MARIE AGNES, b. Oct. 5, 1874 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 245).  
m. Nov. 30, 1891 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 7), Edmond Pellerin, s/o



Balthazar Pellerin and Celina Judice.

- (4) JOSEPH ALEXANDER, b. March 4, 1877 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 302).
- (5) JOHN GASTON, b. April 17, 1879 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 357).
- (6) JOSEPH WILLIE, b. Oct. 12, 1880 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 93).
- (7) JOSEPH CHARLES, b. April 21, 1883 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 135).
- (8) MARIE A., Aug. 25, 1877 (Loreauville ch: v. 3, p. 13).
- (9) MARIE AMILEE, b. Feb. 15, 1890 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 45).

j. ST. YVES

m. March 4, 1870 (SMch: v. 10, no. 213), Elmire Wiltz.

- (1) MARIE LOUIS, b. Dec. 11, 1870 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 155).  
m. Jan. 27, 1891 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 201), Clovis Breaux, s/o  
Sosthène Breaux and Mathilde Gonsoulin.
- (2) MARIE CECILE, b. Aug. 21, 1873 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 224).  
m. Jan. 8, 1891 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 196), Joseph Filias Breaux,  
s/o Sosthène Breaux and Mathilde Gonsoulin.
- (3) MARIE LAURE, b. Nov. 14, 1875 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 271).  
m. Jan. 20, 1896 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 49), Adonice Broussard, s/o  
Ovignac Broussard and Zoë Dessan.
- (4) MARIE ELMIRE, b. 18---; bt. Nov. 30, 1879 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 369).  
m. Sept. 3, 1897 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 56), Sosthène Vincent, s/o  
Desire Vincent and (Michael?) Bonin.
- (5) JOSEPH ST. YVES, b. Jan. 11, 1882 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 436).
- (6) JOSEPH CLOVIS, b. May 9, 1888 (SMch: v. 13, p. 80).

k. MARIE LOUISE ERNESTINE, b. Oct. 29, 1850 (SMch: v. 9, no. 35).

m. Apr. 14, 1869 (SMch: v. 10, no. 40), Henry Steckler of Orleans Parish,  
s/o Henry Steckler and Willemine Moss.

l. ALEXANDRE CESAIRE, b. Oct. 23, 1853 (SMch: v. 9, no. 14).

m. Jan. 29, 1877 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 55), Olympe Pellerin, d/o Bal-  
thazar Pellerin and Celina Judice.

(1) ERSILIE,

m. Jan. 21, 1897 (SMch/ v. 11, p. 413), Dorville Borel, s/o Louis Borel  
and Nora LeBlanc.

(2) MARIE NORMA, b. Nov. 4, 1879 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 83).

(3) MARIE IRMA, b. Aug. 1882 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 123).

(4) JOSEPH CESAIRE, b. Feb. 20, 1884 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 149).

(5) BERNARD, b. June 21, 1890 (Nlch: v. 5, p. 151).

(6) JOSEPH EDOUARD, b. Aug. 20, 1892 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 73).

m. ANATOLE, b. Juen 14, 1855 (SMch: v. 10, no. 213).

m. Feb. 11, 1876 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 64-B), Laure Judice, d/o Louis Gustave Judice and Eliza Doucet.

(1) ANGELE, b. Dec. 25, 1876 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 47).

(2) BELLA ALINE, b. Nov. 18, 1879 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 83).

(3) JOSEPH RENÉ, b. April 7, 1882 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 118).

(4) LOUISE O., b. Nov. 7, 1886 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 188).

(5) ANTOINE DELMA, b. Dec. 28, 1889.

m. April 20, 1914 (Loreauville ch: Bapt. Bk: v. 2, p. 41), Rosa Dugas.

(6) GEORGE, b. May 7, 1892 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 69).

(7) MARIE ELISE, b. Dec. 20, 1893 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 89).

(8) MARIE PAULA, b. March 4, 1896.

m. Feb. 2, 1921 (Loreauville ch: Bapt. Bk: v. 2, p. 126), Arthur Evans Poinbeuf.

3. FRANÇOIS, b. Oct. 10, 1803 (SMch: v. 6, no. 989), de. 1853 (SM Ct. Hse: Succ. no. 1277).

m. Dec. 27, 1824 (SMch: v. 6, no. 372), Elonide Pellerin, d/o Hubert Pellerin and Julie Prevost, d. Aug. 14, 1844 (Nlch: v. 1, p. 72).

a. JULIE FELICIA, b. May 23, 1826 (SMch: v. 8, no. 1860).

m. May 4, 1842 (SMch: v. 8, no. 209), Joseph Belisaire Borel, s/o Hilaire Borel and Hortense Provost.

b. JOSEPH ALCÉE, b. May 23, 1828 (SMch: v. 7, no. 2314).

m. 1st., Feb. 11, 1850 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 36), Felicienne Doucet, d/o Zepherin Doucet and Adeline Braud.

(1) PIERRE DAGUESSEAU, b. Nov. 23, 1850 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 60).

m. July 12, 1870 (BBch: v. 1, p. 145), Cora Dugas, d/o Dermas Dugas and Aglae Castille.



Pierre Daguesseau Judice (I - A - 3 - b) and sons, Rene, left, and Pierre Alcee. This photo was taken before 1900.

- (a) MARIE EDNA, b. May 22, 1876 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 219).
- (b) PIERRE ALCEE, b. June 15, 1880 (BBch: v. 2, p. 93).  
m. Oct. 22, 1900 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 233), Carmelite Doucet, d/o  
Valsin Doucet and Marguerite Landry.
- [1] VALSIN, b. Sept. 25, 1902
- [2] ELI, b. Feb. 15, 1904
- [3] PIERRE ALCEE, JR., b. Nov. 15, 1912
- [4] ALCIDE, b. Nov. 2, 1915
- [5] MARC, b. Aug. 22, 1918
- [6] CLAUDE, b. June 19, 1920
- [7] ALPHE, b. May 17, 1925
- [8] IVY S., b. Sept. 6, 1929
- (c) BERNADETTE LEE, b. March 1, 1883 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 209).
- (d) CECILE LEONIDE, b. April 19, 1885 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 27).
- (e) RENE, b. Jan. 19, 1887 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 68).
- (f) ANGELE, b. Sept. 5, 1891 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 198).
- (2) MATHILDE, bt. March 23, 1860 (SMch: v. 10, no. 714).  
m. Feb. 1879 (Lydia ch: v. 1, p. 74), Alexander Pellerin, s/o Calise  
Pellerin and Virginie Provost.
- (3) ARISTIDE, b. Sept. 16, 1861 (SMch: v. 10, no. 991).  
m. Aug. 12, 1880 (BBch: v. 1, p. 271), Alice Thibodeaux, d/o One-  
zime and Marie Erasie Thibodeaux.
- (a) JOSEPH ALBERT, b. Nov. 23, 1888 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 129).
- (4) CHARLES LOUIS, b. Dec. 10, 1863 (SMch: v. 10, no. 1207).  
m. Oct. 25, 1882 (Laf. ch: v. 7, no. 26), Mary Stoute, d/o Tom Stoute  
and Zelina Duhon.
- (a) MARIE FELICIANE, b. Aug. 27, 1883 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 215).
- (b) AZELINA, b. Mar. 29, 1886 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 48).
- (c) PHILOMENE, b. May 11, 1888 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 103).

(d) JEAN, b. June 21, 1890 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 162).

(e) AIMEE, b. June 2, 1897 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 364).

(f) CHARLES, b. Oct. 4, 1900 (Laf. ch: v. 10, p. 143).

(g) MARTHA, b. July 31, 1902 (Scott, La.).

c. MATHILDE, b. June 4, 1832 (SMch: v. 8, no. 443).

m. Sept. 16, 1850 (SMch: v. 8, no. 337), Nicolas Prevost, s/o Nicolas Prevost and Marie Amelia Judice.

d. CHARLES ALCIBIADE, b. Jan. 28, 1840 (SMch: v. 8, no. 1918). d. Aug. 10, 1890 (Jeanerette ch: v. 10, p. 61).

m. Feb. 11, 1861 (SMch: v. 9, no. 219), Ophelia Provost, d/o Philemon Provost and Amelia Judice.

(1) THERESA ALICE, b. Dec. 25, 1865 (Nich: v. 1, p. 333).

m. Jan. 27, 1890 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 76), Florian Provost, s/o Edmond Provost and Claire Judice.

(2) PHILOMENE ANAIS, b. Jan. 5, 1867 (NI ch: v. 1, p. 357).

(3) CHARLES ALCIBIADE, b. Sept. 8, 1868 (Lydia ch: v. 1, p. 13).

(4) CHARLES JOSEPH OCTAVE, bt. May 26, 1872 (Charenton ch: v. 1, p. 248).

m. 1st., April 29, 1897 (NI Ct. Hse: Mar. 5573), Martha Judice.

(a) CHARLES ALCIBIADE.

m. Rita Darce.

(b) FLORENCE PHILOMENE.

m. Murphy Walker.

(c) ALICE BEATRICE.

m. Lester Falcon.

(d) MARY ANTOINETTE, b. March 4, 1899.

m. Ulysse Schexnayder.

m. 2nd, 1909, Marguerite Krepper, d/o Michel Krepper and Felicie Provost.

(e) CARROLL OCTAVE, b. Feb. 8, 1910.

(f) JOSEPH MICHEL, b. Feb. 8, 1915.

(5) FRANCOIS ARTHUR, b. June 26, 1878 (Lydia ch: v. 1, p. 160).

m. Clemence Pharr.

- (6) JOSEPHINE, b. April 21, 1883 (Jeanerette ch: v. 1, p. 90).  
m. John Raymond.
- (7) PAUL LESLY, b. Oct. 8, 1885 (Nlch: v. 4, p. 157).
- e. JACQUES ARISTIDE, b. April 14, 1842 (SMch: v. 8, no. 1917). d. Sept. 10, 1889 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 317).
- f. LOUIS ACHILLE, b. June 16, 1844 (Nlch: v. 1, p. 72).
3. FRANCOIS (cont'd).  
m. 2nd, June 30, 1869 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 275), Azelie Castille, wid/o Don Louis Broussard.
4. MARIE, b. March 19, 1808 (SMch: v. 6, 990).  
m. Seraphin Judice, s/o Louis Judice and Marie Modeste Boutte.
5. MARIE CLEMENE  
m. Nov. 13, 1838 (SMch: v. 8, no. 115), Jean Etienne Darby.
6. MARIE CLAIRE CELIA  
m. Sept. 8, 1834 (SMch: v. 7, no. 304), Edmond Prevost, s/o Leufroy and Lucille Prevost.
7. MARIE AMELIA  
m. July 26, 1821 (SMch: v. 6, no. 256, Nicolas Philomon Prevost, s/o Nicolas Philomon Prevost and Marie Prevost.
8. ANTOINE THEODULE, b. Jan. 23, 1816 (SMch: v. 7, no. 18). d. Feb. 9, 1898 (SMch: v. 6, p. 73).  
m. Sept. 21, 1835 (SMch: v. 7, no. 348), Marie Amelia LaBarthe, d/o Jean LaBarthe and Marie Verret.
- a. CECILE NATALIE  
m. Aug. 23, 1855 (SMch: v. 9, no. 144), Louis Sevigne Bienvenu, s/o Joseph Therence Bienvenu and Julie Guilbeau.
- b. EMELIE ARMIDE  
m. Oct. 20, 1858 (SMch: v. 9, no. 259), Nicolas Provost, widr/o Mathilda Judice.
- c. CATHERINE THERESE, b. Aug. 24, 1847 (SMch: v. 9, p. 21).  
m. Oct. 15, 1866 (Nlch: v. 1, p. 315), Lucien Provost, s/o Nicolas Provost and Theresa Aimee Judice.
9. LOUIS THEOGENE, b. Jan. 23, 1816 (SMch: v. 7, no. 18). d. Sept. 30, 1867 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 132).  
m. 1st. July 15, 1839 (SMch: v. 8, no. 139), Marie Arthemise Dutel, d/o Joseph Dutel and Adelaide Pradie. d. July 19, 1840, age 19 (SMch: v. 5, p. 93).

## 9. LOUIS THEOGENE (cont'd)

m. 2nd, Oct. 14, 1841 (Laf. ch: v. 1, p. 93), Hortanse Patin, d/o Ursin Patin and Marie Aspasia Guidry.

a. JACQUE ALEXANDRE, b. Dec. 13, 1846 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 4). d. Nov. 11, 1876 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 200).

m. 1st, March 4, 1867 Philomene Pourciaux. d. Nov. 4, 1867.

m. 2nd, Aug. 25, 1868 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 261), Rosa Bernard, d/o Joseph Leon Bernard and Marie Arthemise Breaux.

## (1) AZEMA

m. Jan. 10, 1887 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 32), John Bertrand, s/o Gustave Bertrand and Celestine Devalcourt.

b. PHILOMENE IDEA, b. Oct. 12, 1850.

m. Dec. 11, 1872 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 441), Alexandre Delhomme, s/o Alexander Delhomme and Marguerite Breaux.

c. LUCIEN, b. May 1, 1852 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 76).

d. EDGAR, b. Nov. 19, 1869 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 27).

e. MARIE AZEMA, b. May 27, 1871 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 41).

B. LOUIS, b. ca. 1776. d. Aug. 15, 1819, age 43 (SMch: v. 4, no. 1533).

m. Oct. 1, 1800 (SMch: v. 4, no. 213), Marie Modeste Boutte, d/o Antoine Boutte and Marie Françoise DeGruy.

1. MARIE MODESTE, b. Nov. 25, 1801 (SMch: v. 5, no. 589).

m. Zepherin Judice, s/o Michel Judice and Jeanne Moise of Assumption Parish.

a. LOUIS THIBERT, b. March 10, 1829 (SMch: v. 7, no. 2313).

## b. ELIZABETH

m. Nov. 6, 1852 (SMch: v. 9, no. 34), John Anger, s/o Jean-Baptiste Anger and Magdeleine Prince.

## c. MAGDELINE

m. May 11, 1837 (SMch: v. 8, no. 37), Alexander Louis Pellerin, s/o Godfroi and Josephine Dusueau Delacroix.

2. MARGUERITE, b. Nov. 25, 1804 (SMch: v. 6, no. 463).

3. DESIRE, b. Sept. 2, 1806 (SMch: v. 6, no. 552).

m. Oct. 20, 1829 (SMch: v. 7, no. 140), Marguerite LaBarthe of St. Mary Parish, d/o Jean LaBarthe and Marie Verret.

a. JEAN-BAPTISTE NUMA, b. Oct. 3, 1837 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 222).

## a. JEAN-BAPTISTE NUMA (cont'd).

m. Nov. 22, 1865 (Laf. ch.: v. 4, p. 225), Maria Pellerin, d/o Eugene Pellerin and Cleonide St. Julien.

(1) EDVAR, b. Nov. 2, 1866 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 3).

(2) MARIE ANGELE, b. June 25, 1868 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 81).

m. Dec. 22, 1886 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 30, no. 40), Henri Hoherst, s/o Henri Hoherst and Louisa Denois.

(3) PAUL ADRIEN, b. Oct. 30, 1871 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 51).

(4) EMERIC HENRI, b. July 31, 1875 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 172).

(5) MARIE LUCIE, b. July 5, 1878 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 274).

## b. JOSEPH ALCEE, b. (?). d. 1873.

m. Sept. 26, 1864 (Laf. Ct. Hse: Mar. no. 428), Cleonide Martin, d/o Valery Martin and Lodoiska Dejean.

(1) LOUIS DESIRE, b. Oct. 31, 1866 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 5).

## c. VINCENT ALBERT, b. July 19, 1846 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 25).

m. Dec. 6, 1865 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 225), Gertrude Scranton, d/o Washington Scranton and Anathalie Breaux.

(1) ALBERT, b. Nov. 15, 1866 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 4). d. May 20, 1892 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 339).

(2) EMELIE ALIX, b. Nov. 22, 1868 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 5).

m. Nov. 14, 1893 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 120), Jean Alfred Mouton, s/o Jean Sosthene and Odeide Mouton.

(3) LOUISA ANATHLIE, b. Dec. 25, 1870 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 24).

(4) ARTHUR, b. Jan. 17, 1873 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 90).

(5) PHILOMENE, b. Dec. 16, 1876 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 224).

(6) JEAN LABARTHE, b. Jan. 4, 1879 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 14).

## 4. CELESTINE ROSELLA, b. April 26, 1811 (SMch: v. 6, no. 1195).

m. Sept. 5, 1830 (SMch: v. 7, no. 213), Louis Terrence Boutte, s/o Louis Hilaire dit Antoine Boutte and Marie Lucille David.

## 5. LOUIS ZENON, b. Oct. 17, 1813 (SMch: v. 6, no. 1704).

m. June 25, 1834, Phanalie LaBarthe, d/o Jean LaBarthe and Marie Verret.

a. URSULE NEDINA, b. Feb. 2, 1837 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 229).



## a. URSULE NEDINA (cont'd).

m. Jan. 26, 1853 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 78), Columbus Hebert Eastin, s/o Herbert Eastin and Euphrosine Arceneaux.

## b. NOEMIE

m. Apr. 17, 1866 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 232), Alexandre Guidry, s/o Alexandre Guidry and Carmelite Broussard.

## 6. MAGDALEINE, b. July 19, 1817 (SMch: v. 7, no. 248).

m. May 11, 1837 (SMch: v. 8, no. 47), Alexandre Louis Pellerin, s/o Godfried Pellerin and Josephin Dusau delaCroix.

## 7. MARIE CELELINE, b. (?). d. 1848 (SM Ct. Hse: Succ. 31186).

m. Nov. 13, 1838 (SMch: v. 8, no. 115), Jean-Etienne Darby, s/o Jean Darby and Marie Aspasia DeBlanc.

## C. MAXIMILIEN, b. ca. 1782, d. July 5, 1839, age 57 (SMch: v. 5, p. 86).

m. April 10, 1806 (SMch: v. 5, no. 53), Celeste Boutte, d/o Antoine Boutte and Marie Francoise DeGruy.

## 1. LOUIS DROZIN, b. Sept. 20, 1810 (SMch: v. 6, no. 1194).

m. April 24, 1832 (SMch: v. 7, no. 202), Marie Elmina Delahoussaye, d/o Francois Gustave Delahoussaye and Marie Doralise Judice.

## a. LOUIS GUSTAVE, b. Nov. 28, 1834 (SMch: v. 8, no. 824).

m. June 11, 1855 (Nich: v. 1, p. 185), Marie Clara Provost, d/o Godfrey Profost and Josephine Elina LeBlanc.

## (1) BLANCHE, b. Sept. 29, 1856 (SMch: v. 10, no. 322).

m. June 30, 1875 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 44), Louis Boutte, s/o Joseph Zenon and Elina Bonnet.

## (2) LOUIS GASTON, b. Nov. 6, 1858 (SMch: v. 10, no. 650).

m. Oct. 5, 1881 (Nich: v. 3, p. 148), Marie Angele Segura, d/o Adolphe Segura and Marguerite Odille Dugas.

## (a) MARIE REGINA, b. July 17, 1882 (Nich: v. 4, p. 3).

## (b) MARIE ROSE, b. Sept. 22, 1883 (Nich: v. 4, p. 55).

## (3) JOSEPH DANTON, b. Aug. 5, 1860 (SMch: v. 10, no. 841).

m. Jan. 9, 1884 (Nich: v. 3, p. 194), Marie Langla.

## (a) MARIE EDNA, b. May 9, 1888 (Nich: v. 5, p. 29).

## (b) MARIE EVA, b. Jan. 13, 1890 (Nich: v. 5, p. 9).

## (c) JOSEPHINE, b. Dec. 24, 1891 (Nich: v. 5, p. 247).

- (4) MARIE EVA, b. Sept. 18, 1862 (SMch: v. 10, no. 1381).  
m. Dec. 1879 (SMch: v. 10, no. 794), Raoul Dore, s/o Adrien Dore and Malvina Judice.
- (5) ELINA CLEMENCE, b. Nov. 15, 1866 (Nlch: v. 1, p. 346).  
m. Dec. 28, 1887 (SMch: v. 11, p. 107), Romain Blanchard, wid/o Lidia Breau.
- (6) PAUL LEE, b. Oct. 13, 1865 (Nlch: v. 1, p. 346).  
m. 1st, Jan. 3, 1885 (SMch: v. 11, p. 25), Estelle Bouligny, d. Aug. 8, 1888.  
m. 2nd, Nov. 3, 1891 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 6), Irma Broussard, d/o Gustave Broussard and Alphonsia Dugas.
- (a) EUGENIE LEE, b. Sept. 17, 1892 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 73).
- (b) MARIE EDITA, b. April 27, 1894.  
m. Dec. 29, 1919 (Loreauville ch: Bapt. Bk: v. 2, p. 98), Dr. Gordon Houser.
- (c) ANTOINE ELIE, b. May 13, 1895.  
m. 1st, Feb. 10, 1919, Lucy Vaughan (Loreauville ch: Bapt. Bk: v. 2, p. 143).  
m. 2nd, July 29, 1936, Mary Sikes.
- (d) EDOUIN, b. July 25, 1895.  
m. June 23, 1925 (Loreauville ch: Bapt. Bk: v. 2, p. 113), May Agnes Gaudin.
- (7) ELMIRE LOUISA, b. March 15, 1869 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 122).  
m. Nov. 3, 1891 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 193), Jean Paul Decoux, s/o Leo Decoux and Celestine Bonin.
- (8) FELIX, b. Aug. 15, 1871 (Nlch: v. 2, p. 147).
- (9) LOUIS LYDE, b. Sept. 26, 1873 (Nlch: v. 2, p. 255).  
m. Aug. 27, 1896 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 55), Laura Vaughan, d/o Henri Vaughan and Clementine Landry.
- (a) JOSEPH W., b. March 21, 1897.  
m. Feb. 24, 1919 (Loreauville ch: Bapt. Bk: 2, p. 141), Martha Broussard.
- (b) JOSEPH GEORGES, b. Jan. 16, 1899.  
m. Jan. 2, 1971 (Loreauville ch: Bapt. Bk: v. 2, p. 166), Anne Watford.
- (10) EMELIE NEOMIE, b. July 15, 1875 (Nlch: v. 3, p. 35).

- (11) JEAN WILLY, b. Aug. 27, 1879 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 380).  
m. Jan. 24, 1901 (SMch: v. 12, p. 146), Jeanne Barras.
- b. MARIE EMELIE, b. April 23, 1842 (Nich: v. 1, p. 42).  
m. Nov. 5, 1857 (SMch: v. 9, no. 227), Odilon Nicolas Berard, s/o Jean Berard and Constance Breaux.
- c. MARIE MALVINA, b. Aug. 8, 1837 (SMch: v. 8, no. 1431).  
m. July 26, 1853 (SMch: v. 9, no. 58), Adrien Dore.
- d. PHILOMENE FELICIA, b. March 6, 1840 (SMch: v. 8, no. 1668).  
m. Dec. 25, 1855 (SMch: v. 9, no. 152), Charles Bouligny of N. O. s/o Louis Bouligny and Elizabeth Virginia Dauterive.
- e. JOSEPH DRAUZIN, b. Jan. 13, 1848 (SMch: v. 9, no. 38).  
m. Jan. 23, 1866 (SMch: v. 9, no. 406), Caroline Legnon, d/o George Legnon and Marie Glandiere.
- (1) MARIE EMELIE, b. May 28, 1868 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 101).  
m. July 5, 1883 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 113), William Borel, s/o Dolze Borel and Felonise Bonin.
- (2) JOSEPH PAUL, bt. April 15, 1871 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 162).  
m. Sept. 8, 1889 (Loreauville ch: v. 1, p. 189), Alfreda Oubre, d/o Auguste Oubre and Elodie Comeau.
- (a) PAUL SCHELBY, b. Oct. 17, 1895 (Jeanerette ch: v. 1, p. 345).
- (b) EUGENE, b. July 21, 1802 (Delcambre ch: v. 1, p. 77).
- (3) (JOACHIM RENE?), b. Feb. 14, 1873 (Nich: v. 2, p. 231).  
m. Sept. 16, 1895 (Lydia ch: v. 2, p. 57), Hortence Hebert, d/o Darneville Hebert and Elodie Bonin.
- (a) PHILIPPE DIDIER, b. Sept. 9, 1896 (Jeanerette ch: v. 1, p. 366).
- (4) JEANNE EDMEE, b. June 27, 1875 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 263).  
m. Dec. 29, 1894 (Loreauville ch: v. 2, p. 41), Albert Halphen.
- (5) JEAN ROBERT, b. Nov. 18, 1877 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 326).  
m. Feb. 12, 1901 (SMch: v. 12, p. 148), Modeste Barras.
- (6) MARIE LOUISE, b. May 10, 1880 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 414).  
m. Sept. 17, 1896 (Abbeville ch: v. 3, p. 287), Erase Ransonet, s/o Dupre Ransonet and Theresa Hebert.
- (7) JOHN ANTOINE JAMES, b. Oct. 6, 1882 (SMch: v. 11-B, p. 464).

2. MARIE (MAGDELEINE?) CELESTINE, b. Jan. 17, (1813?) (SMch: v. 6, no. 1705).  
m. Sept. 8, 1834 (SMch: v. 7, no. 305), Alexander Judice, s/o Jacques Judice and Marie Hyacinth Boutte. (See I-A.)
3. ANTOINE GUSTAVE, b. May 19, 1824 (SMch: v. 7, no. 2003). d. Oct. 23, 1915.  
m. April 20, 1849 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 22), Elisa Doucet, d/o Pierre Zepherin Doucet and Adeline Braud.
  - a. ALICE, b. June 14, 1850 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 60).  
m. Aug. 4, 1881 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 120), Henry Steckler, Jr., s/o Henry Steckler, Sr., and Caroline Hine.
  - b. ALICIA, b. June 14, 1850 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 60), d. May 11, 1864 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 113).
  - c. ALCIDES, b. Jan. 14, 1852 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 7).  
m. Apr. 26, 1871 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 142), Anaise Cayret, d/o Dominique Cayret and Hortense Duhon.
    - (1) LOUIS LEO, b. Jan. 26, 1872 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 57). d. April, 1941.  
m. Oct. 14, 1903, Hunter Fergusson of Richmond, Va.
    - (2) ANAIS BELLA, b. Oct. 2, 1881 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 155).  
m. June 25, 1901 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 260), John Cameron Nickerson, s/o John Nickerson and Elizabeth Ramson.
  - d. MARIE ELMIRA, b. May 17, 1853 (Nich: v. 1, p. 177).  
m. Oct. 9, 1872 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 328), Armand Balquet (Bacqual), s/o Jean-Baptiste Balquet and Pauline Delraie.
  - e. LOUISE OSEA, b. Sept. 20, 1854 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 88).  
m. Jan. 28, 1879 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 3), Paul Casaux, s/o Pierre Casaux and Jeanne LaHargue.
  - f. LAURE, b. May 19, 1856 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 84).  
m. Feb. 28, 1876 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 64-B), Anatole Judice, s/o Alexandre Judice and Celeste Judice.
  - g. MATHILDE, b. Aug. 20, 1861 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 122).  
m. Jan. 24, 1881 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 96), Eraste Patin, s/o Emile Patin and Eulalie Bernard.
  - h. ELISA, b. May 19, 1866 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 5).
- D. CELESTINE, b. April 29, 1789 (SMch: v. 4, no. 415).  
m. Nov. 7, 1803 (SMch: v. 5, no. 4), Victorian Roman of Pointe Coupee, s/o Jacques Romand and Luisa Patin.

E. MARGUERITE (CELESIE) ZELINE, b. Aug. 20, 1793 (SMch: v. 1, p. 77).  
m. June 21, 1811 (SMch: v. 5, no. 213), Joseph Olivier de Vezin of St. Louis  
Cathedral, No. O., s/o Charles Frederick Olivier and Marie Molere D'Orville. Mar-  
riage Contract SMct. House: OA-26-126.

F. MARCELITE

m. June 27, 1809 (SMch: v. 4, no. 272), Jean-Baptiste Bonin, s/o Antoine Bonin  
and Magdeleine Prevost.

I. LOUIS (cont'd)

m. 2nd, Jan. 13, 1800 (Opel. ch: v. 1, p. 87), Magdeleine Chretien of Opelousas, d/o  
Joseph Chretien and Magdeleine Saunier, d. Aug. 15, 1852 (SM Ct. Hse: Succ. no.  
989).

G. LOUISE, b. May 10, 1803 (SMch: v. 6, no. 610).

H. JOSEPH, b. Dec. 1, 1806 (SMch: v. 7, no. 191).

I. JERARD FERNAND, b. May 9, 1810 (SMch: v. 6, no. 991).  
m. Caroline Benite.

1. MADELEINE, b. July 14, 1844 (SMch: v. 9, no. 3).

2. LOUISE ANGELE, b. March 24, 1848 (SMch: v. 9, no. 78).

3. LOUIS GASTON, b. July 25, 1850 (SMch: v. 9, no. 64).

4. GERARD, b. July 11, 1855 (SMch: v. 10, no. 140).

5. THERESA, b. June 16, 1857 (SMch: v. 10, no. 427).

J. PELAGIE, b. April 14, 1813 (SMch: v. 6, no. 1740).

m. March 19, 1831 (SMch: v. 7, no. 174), George Philippe Briant of N. O., s/o  
Pierre Paul Briant, judge of the parish, and Francoise Arsene Seveigne.

K. NATALIE MARGUERITE, b. April 14, 1813 (SMch: v. 6, no. 1740).

m. Oct. 14, 1832, Pierre LeBesque of Nantes, France, s/o Pierre LeBesque and  
Magdeleine Doutreau.

1. PIERRE, b. Aug. 18, 1824 (SMch: v. 7, no. 1817).

2. JULES, b. July 4, 1832 (SMch: v. 8, no. 599).

3. BALTHAZAR, b. Dec. 24, 1833 (SMch: v. 8, no. 601).

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1277	Colbert, William	January 27, 1851
	Cazeland, Poupponne, wife of Marin LeNormand, for the settlement of their estate, see no. 3955 District Court.	August 7, 1851
1298	Chauvette, Jacques	August 7, 1851
1308	Collins, Mary, wife of Jos. A. Moore	October 3, 1851
1330	Cinetiere, Marie Azelie	June 4, 1852
1334	Chauvier, Antoine	August 5, 1852
1342	Castille, Aspasia, wife of Zenon I. Thibodeaux	December 2, 1852
1350	Castille, Joseph	January 7, 1853
1351	Carlin, Godefroy	January 7, 1853
1363	Comeau, Valery	April 5, 1853
1374	Chaigneau, Antoine Louis	June 7, 1853
1388	Chautin, Adeline, wife of Alex. Durio	October 20, 1853
1391	Cormier, Ludivine, wife of Aug. Ledoux	November 16, 1853
1452	Cormier, Michel	December 27, 1854
1462	Cormier, Victoire, Wid. Louis Dautreuil	April 4, 1855
1463	Castille, Emelia, wife of Drauz. Broussard	April 4, 1855
1471	Castille, Emila	August 6, 1855
1481	Cormier, Nicholas, Sr.	October 29, 1855
1497	Cormier, Joseph	November 29, 1855
1520bis	Cormier, Sylvain	February 26, 1856
1523	Chevalier, Jules	March 14, 1856
1532	Carmillie, Francois Xavier	June 13, 1856
1539	Chautin, Marguerite Edvige	July 31, 1856
1567	Collins, Daniel E.	June 18, 1857
1596	Castille, Suzette, wife of Jean Thibodeaux	March 12, 1858
1621	Chretien, Francois Dazincourt	December 15, 1858
1660	Colombin, Zeneide Stephanie, wife of Aug. Gard	December 6, 1859
1682	Castille, Mathilde, wife of Vileor Sonnier	June 19, 1860
1694	Caillier, Joseph, pere	June 6, 1860
1698	Chautin, Andre	October 12, 1860
1705	Campbell, John	November 4, 1860
1715bis	Champagne, Eloise	March 1, 1861
1751	Curel, Marc	July 2, 1862

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1774		Chachere, Palmyre, wife of Dorcino LeBlanc	December 29, 1862
1782		Caillier, Aminthe, wife of Nich. Hebert	February 3, 1863
1787		Collet, Joseph [see nos. 1886 & 1965]	February 13, 1863
1808		Castille, Letitia, wife of Emile Babin	August 15, 1863
1809		Calais, Jean Baptiste	September 12, 1863
1812		Champagne, Genevieve, wife of Louis Dore	September 18, 1863
1816		Collet, Joseph [see nos. 1787 & 1965]	January 14, 1864
1820		Calais, Eugenie, wife of Alex. Estilette	February 10, 1864
1826		Conrad, Mary Clara, wife of John Moore	February 12, 1864
1837		Cormier, Nicholas, Jr.	October 24, 1864
1824		Cormier, Ernest Michel	December 1, 1864
1843		Corseaux, Alphonse	December 7, 1864
1900		Caillier, Edmond Clozel	December 13, 1865
1905		Castille, Zenon	January 9, 1866
1923		Charpentier, Valery	March 6, 1866
1924		Charpentier, Louis & Celeste Gaudet	March 7, 1866
1963		Comeaux, Telesphore	July 28, 1866
1965		Collette, Joseph [see nos. 1787 & 1816]	July 16, 1866
1970		Collette, Louis Madam	July 24, 1866
1971		Camille, Nicholas	July 25, 1866
1988		Clusiau, Alexandre	October 6, 1866
1989		Craig, Henry	December 22, 1866
1999		Come, Hicomel	December 22, 1866
2012		Casus, Francois	June 7, 1867
2032		Cormier, Marguerite Denis, Widow Jos. Allegre	November 7, 1867
2040		Champagne, Joseph Valcourt	November 13, 1867
2057		Cornelius, William H.	November 22, 1867
2067		Champagne, Harmelin	November 27, 1867
2092		Cormier, Elmire, wife of Elsie Guilbeau	December 3, 1867
2099		Combe, Marcelite, wife of J. Nelson Babin	December 27, 1867
2103		Cormier, Madeline Ordalie, wife of L. Thibodeaux	December 28, 1867
2112		Castille, Alcee	January 29, 1868
2141		Coudroy, Adolphe	May 25, 1868
2170		Carlin, Urbain	January 6, 1869
2191		Cormier, Aurelia	August 28, 1869
2195		Castille, Caroline	December 13, 1869
2219		Castille, Agathe, Wid. Paul Briant	November 29, 1870
2223		Calais, Noemie, wife of Chas. Guilbeau	December 5, 1870
2224		Comeaux, Jules	December 9, 1870
2231		Carriere, Marcelin	March 7, 1871
2245		Carter, Viny	January 5, 1872
2250		Castille, Julie, wife of L. P. Champagne	April 12, 1872
2257		Caillier, Jean	July 15, 1872
2262		Curator to non resident tax payers	June 3, 1873
2285		Clark, Adam	May 22, 1874
2274		Clement, Marie	October 9, 1874

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2288	Caillier, Joseph	July 25, 1874
2290	Caillier, Nicholas & Celestine Collette	October 5, 1874
2297	Cormier, Arthur, Estate of	December 26, 1874
2306	Cormier, Amelie, wife of Adolphe Castille	March 6, 1875
2308	Clement, Auguste, Emancipation	March 30, 1875
2314	Castille, Raphael, Emancipation	August 9, 1875
2315	Castille, Gervais	August 9, 1875
2332	Caillier, Henriette	December 23, 1875
2354	Champagne, Eliza & Olivier Blanchard	March 7, 1877
2360	Comeau, Henry	June 7, 1877
2323	Champagne, Francois, Sr.	August 10, 1877
2382	Cormier, Josephine, Emancipation	March 28, 1878
2383	Castille, Esther	April 4, 1878
2389	Clavierie, Eugene	Aug. 14, 1878
2396	Clavierie, Ernest & Ernestine, Emancipation	November 26, 1878
2403	Comeau, Clara, application for (hourol?) of testament	January 30, 1879
2442	Cormier, Adelaide	February 2, 1880
2451	Champagne, Louis	April 14, 1880
2472bis	Curator ad hoc, appt. of Ralph DeBlanc	January 6, 1881
2474	Cormier, Joseph Ernest	January 17, 1881
2505	Carter, Hy., demand of tutorship	October 31, 1881
2505	Carter, Alice, demand of tutorship	October 31, 1881
2590	Carlson, Samuel P.	August 30, 1884
2605	Castille, Francois	February 7, 1885
2614	Champagne, Americus	March 31, 1885
2632	Clement, Fernand E., Emancipation	September 10, 1885
2658	Castex, Casse Bertrand	March 29, 1886
2697	Capdeville, Pierre	November 7, 1887
2714	Cormier, Celeste, wife of Eng. Perrow	June 25, 1888
2736	Charles, Millien, Estate of	February 8, 1889
2746	Curtis, Benjamin	May 28, 1889
2747	Castille, Anais, wife of Colin Juberty	June 8, 1889
2747 1/2	Campbell, Levy	September 20, 1889
2763	Casoband, Jean Jacques	January 9, 1890
2773	Castille, Emilie, Wid. J. O. Thibodeaux	May 7, 1890
2786	Calais, Celeste, wife of Leonard LeBlanc	January 21, 1891
2792	Culkins, Laurent, Dr.	March 23, 1891
2794	Castille, Theogene	April 3, 1891
2813	Condley, Chas.	October 2, 1891
2828	Cosson, Perrine Angelique	October 4, 1892
2842	Carlson, Adam	February 7, 1893
2867	Castille, Anatole	April 12, 1894
2881	Chretien, Prosper	September 12, 1894
2896	Cormier, Julie, Interdiction	March 26, 1895
2905	Castille, Paul F.	July 6, 1895
2912	Calais, Eugene & Ophelia Angel, his wife	November 14, 1895



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2925	Cicuat, Henry	June 26, 1896
2927	Charles, Baptiste	July 21, 1896
2928	Chretien, Zoelina, wife of J. O. Halphen, Sr.	August 5, 1896
2931	Chretien, Hypolite	August 21, 1896
2944	Cutrer, Thomas	January 9, 1897
2950	Charles, Auguste, Emancipation	March 25, 1897
2951	Charles, Gustave, Emancipation	March 25, 1897
2966	Cornier, Emile C., Emancipation	December 29, 1897
2970	Carlson, Martin, Emancipation	March 9, 1898
2971	Carlson, Ethel, Emancipation	March 9, 1898
3000	Casimire, Sylvanie, wife of Ros. Edmond	April 5, 1899
3021	Condley, Charles & Marie Lassalle, his wife	April, 1900
3033	Castille, Ambroise	September 12, 1900

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6	Ducrest, Laurent	June 1807
8	Darby, Pierre	July 1807
12	Decuir, Francois	January 1808
56	Dekerlegan, sale of Negroes	April, 1810
61	Dartesse, Jean	July, 1810
77	Duclosel, Madame	February, 1811
86	Delahoussaye, Alexandre	April 1811
109	Daigle, Agnes	April 1812
122	Dunn, A. C., Petition	November, 1812
126	Declouet, Chevalier	January, 1813
128	Dugas, Jean Charles, Will	May, 1813
129	Dugat, Ester Marie, Will	May 1813
138	Duhan, Jos. Firmin, Will	August, 1813
140	Darby, Ursin and wife	September, 1813
160	Delmaire, Andre	July, 1814
166	Delahoussaye, Louis	October, 1814
168	Dartes, Josephine, Will	October, 1814
176	Dozat, Marie Wid. Wisse	October, 1808
177	Doucet, Jean-Louis & his widow, Agreement	May, 1813
184	Derouen, Joseph & als. to Wid. Andre Prejean	May, 1814
185	Derouen, Joseph. to wid. Andre Prejean	May, 1814
220	Dupuis, Anne Marine	November, 1815
227	Declouet, Alexandre	February, 1816
241	Dupuis, Marine to Pierre Ponier (acquittance)	August, 1816
248	Dugas, Louis	October, 1816
260	Downer, John R.	March, 1817
265	Doucet, Michel	May, 1817
278	Dugat, Jean	September, 1817
291	Declouet, Joseph Favrot	April, 1818
298	Duhon, Joseph Firmin	July, 1818

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305	Davis, Ramus	September, 1818
310	Duhon, Perpetue, wife of Victor Blanchard	November, 1818
314	Dugas, Julie, Wid. Theodore Babineau	January, 1819
321	Dimini, Pelagie, Wid. Chas. Hebert	February, 1819
325	Delahoussaye, Francois Gustave	March, 1819
334	Dugas, Augustin	August, 1819
345	Delacroix, Wid. Dusuau	November, 1819
357	Delhomme, Alexandre	May, 1820
363	Dugas, Isabelle, wife of Celestin Dugas	May 1820
368	Ducrest, Lize, wife of Valery Bara	June, 1820
378	Derneville, Elizabeth Pouponne, wife of Charles Louis DeBlanc, will of	October, 1820
382	Dubourg, Alexandre Athanase, Last Will	November, 1820
383	Duhon, Adelaide, wife of Hypolite Guidry	November, 1820
398	Dumartralt, Adrien, appt. of under tutor to	February, 1821
408	Derouen, Josephine, wife of Jean Bte. Gulon	July, 1821
409	Duhon, Charles, alias Choulette	August, 1821
422	Dugas, Arthemise, wife of Chas. Mouton	October, 1821
453	Desormaux, Gerasime	September, 1822
458	Dubois, Pierre, and Julienne Dartes, his wife	October 1822
465	Duralde, Martin, Last Will	November, 1822
478	Durand, Rene Pierre, Last Will,	May 1823
484	Derouen, Joseph, Jr.	July, 1823
509	Decuir, Marie Clemence, wife of Nich. Goudrace	June, 1824
510	Doucet, Jean Pierre & Francoise Martin	June, 1824
519	Darros, Raymond	October, 1824
522	Dominguez, Joseph	December, 1824
528	Delille, Adelle, appt. of curator to	February, 1825
533	Dominguez, Henriette, wife of Ant. Artache	August, 1825
546	Duhamel, John	January, 1826
550	David, Simon	March, 1826
551	DeBlanc, Louis Charles	March, 1826
554	Dominguez, Dominique, Sr.	June, 1826
555	Dupuy, Hypolite	June, 1826
557	Dupuy, Rosalie, wife of Joseph Theriot	July, 1826
559	Dusouchet, Louis, Last Will	October, 1826
569	Day, Roxcilina, wife of William Day	March, 1827
576	Delhomme, Chas, Last Will	June, 1827
584	Dessessarts, D. R. D.	August, 1827
593	Decuir, Evariste & als. Proceedings of family meeting	February, 1828
594	Decoux, Euphemie, appt. of curator to	February, 1828
596	Delhomme, Charlotte Honorine, wife of P. Bergeron	June, 1828
604	Delhomme, Louis. Petition for letters of Adm.	August, 1828
605	Decuir, Amilie, wife of Helaire Decour	September, 1828
613	Delahoussaye, Francoise Adele, wife of Ed. Pellerin	January 1829
618	DeBlanc, Joseph	May 1829

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Theodore Roosevelt meets with a group of Progressive supporters at Orange Grove, the plantation home of Henry Pharr.

# President Roosevelt Visits Acadiana

by Cathi B. Gibbens

Six presidents of the United States (former or future) have visited Acadiana: Grover Cleveland, Theodore Roosevelt, Herbert Hoover, Richard Nixon, John Kennedy, and Ronald Reagan.<sup>1</sup> Of these, Theodore Roosevelt's trip to the Teche country in 1914 engendered lasting memories among inhabitants of the small towns along his route. His visit terminated in New Iberia. Few people today remember the reason for his visit.

In 1914, a large proportion of the population of Louisiana's Third Congressional District depended on sugar as a source of income. Indeed, the *New York Times* had referred to the district as the "sugar bowl" in an article relating to Roosevelt's visit.<sup>2</sup> Politically, the district had traditionally leaned toward the party which supported a high protective tariff on sugar. The Whigs had been that party in the first half of the nineteenth century.<sup>3</sup> Before the Civil War, "William Henry Harrison and Zachary Taylor, the only elected Whig presidents, were able to carry the state's electoral vote."<sup>4</sup>

After Reconstruction, while the rest of the South voted Democratic, the Third District of Louisiana sent a Republican to Congress twice, in 1880 and 1882.<sup>5</sup> "The sugar planters were in sympathy with Republican notions of tariff which served to protect the artificial staple."<sup>6</sup> They were not averse to voting against the mainstream of Southern politics when it served their pocketbooks.

In the pivotal election of 1912, Woodrow Wilson, a Democrat, defeated the incumbent, William Howard Taft, and the third-party candidate, Theodore Roosevelt. Roosevelt bolting the Republican party in 1912 in protest to Taft's policies, formed the Progressive, or "Bull Moose" party. In doing so, he split the Republican vote, thus ushering in the Democrats and Wilson.

Soon after taking office in March 1913, Wilson spoke out forcefully for a revision of the existing tariff laws, which had been highly protective of American businessmen and farmers. He argued for lower tariff rates to encourage "free trade." The new tariff subsequently passed by Congress was the Underwood-Simmons Tariff which had as one of its provisions a gradual reduction of the tariff on sugar. By 1916 American sugar, mostly produced in Louisiana, would be unprotected.

1. Franklin Roosevelt travelled through Acadiana en route to the 1928 Democratic Convention in Houston.

2. *New York Times*, September 9, 1914.

3. Perry H. Howard, *Political Tendencies in Louisiana* (Baton Rouge, 1971), p. 38.

4. William H. Adams, *The Whig Party of Louisiana* (Lafayette, La., 1973), p. vii.

5. Robert A. Diamond, ed., *Guide to U. S. Elections* (Washington, D. C., 1984), pp. 643, 647.

6. Howard, *Political Tendencies*, pp. 156-59.

Louisiana Democrats were incredulous that Wilson would even consider the lifting of protection.

As late as four months after the passage of the Underwood-Simmons legislation, a large party rally held in New Iberia . . . testified to the persistence of a view that somehow the President had made a horrible mistake.<sup>7</sup>

Louisiana planters had reason to be apprehensive. In the first year after the passage of the tariff, they had "experienced difficulty obtaining credit."<sup>8</sup> Statistics (found in *Gilmore's Guide to Louisiana Planters*) show that cane production fell between 1914 and 1925.

. . . during that period, genuine economic distress accompanied a growing apprehension of doom for an industry that sustained an estimated half million persons in the state.<sup>9</sup>

Louisiana planters, with their short growing season, could not hope to compete with tropical sugar coming from the huge plantations of such places as Cuba and Hawaii without the protection afforded them by the tariff.<sup>10</sup>

New Iberia's leading businessmen, therefore, had a vested interest in the price of sugar. The *Weekly Iberian*, a local paper directed to farming interests, quoted an article from the St. Martinville paper, *The Messenger*, on June 20, 1914:

The people of Louisiana have now realized that the principles of the Democratic party is (*sic*) against all their interests and the success of that party is the ruin and destruction of the best industries of Louisiana. The people of Louisiana have but one thing to do, and that is to quit the party that has destroyed the industries of their State and join the Progressive Party which is a party of white men, and one which has in view the protection of the people and industries of the entire country.

We expect that the rally in New Iberia will be largely attended and that the election for Congressman in Louisiana next November, will see candidates of the Progressive Party in every district of Louisiana, and as a rebuke, we hope that not one single Democrat will be sent to Congress from Louisiana.<sup>11</sup>

The St. Mary *Banner* announced that "it had pulled down the Democratic emblem from its banner and had hoisted the 'rising sun of Progress.'"<sup>12</sup>

7. Matthew J. Schott, "John M. Parker of Louisiana and the Varieties of American Progressivism" (Ph. D. dissertation, Vanderbilt University, 1969), p. 218.

8. *Ibid.*

9. *Ibid.*

10. *Ibid.*, p. 220.

11. *The Weekly Iberian*, June 20, 1914.

12. *Ibid.*

Many sugar planters had been looking for an alternative to the Democratic party, the party of the "Solid South."

In other Southern states, the preponderant upper class of rural planters did identify with the Democratic organization; . . . in Louisiana a large upper class grouping of sugar planters and New Orleans reformers frequently opposed close identification with the Democratic party.<sup>13</sup>

Thus, some planters became (or were already) Republicans. Henry N. Pharr of New Iberia, owner of Orange Grove Plantation between Jeanerette and New Iberia, had been the Republican candidate for Congress in 1904, and the Republican nominee for governor in 1908.<sup>14</sup>

But there still remained an onus attached to the Republican party in the South, even Louisiana's Third District, which had demonstrated such maverick tendencies. One political leader claimed that the South had suffered more at the hands of the Republicans during Reconstruction than it had during the war itself.<sup>15</sup> Thus, whenever there was an alternative to the party of Lincoln and Reconstruction, planters such as Henry Pharr were eager to join. He became a member of the Progressive party in 1912, along with several other prominent Acadiana land owners and sugar planters.<sup>16</sup>

Roosevelt had had a measure of success in the 1912 campaign. His "Bull Moose" party finished second in national balloting, largely owing to Roosevelt's personal popularity. But the enthusiasm was not for Progressivism. ". . . Although the most popular man in the nation, Roosevelt could not translate his enormous popularity into any semblance of political strength."<sup>17</sup> His aim became, in 1914, to strengthen the Progressive party by increasing the number of congressional seats it held. Therefore, he "went on the stump" in the summer of 1914. One of his main stops was Louisiana, and in particular the Teche Country, as the focal point of the Third District.

He had been encouraged to make the trip by John M. Parker, the leader of the Progressives in Louisiana. Parker would become the vice-presidential candidate of the Progressive party in 1916. In 1920, he became governor of Louisiana, albeit on the Democratic ticket.

Parker opposed the tariff stand of the Democrats and called for a Louisiana brand of Progressivism. . . . For Parker, the Louisiana Progressive Party stood for reasonable tariff protection, absolute federal control of the Mississippi River, and white supremacy.<sup>18</sup>

13. Matthew J. Schott, "Progressives Against Democracy: Electoral Reform in Louisiana, 1894-1921," *Louisiana History*, XX (1979), 255.

14. H. E. Chambers, *A History of Louisiana*, 3 vols. (Chicago, 1925), II, 16.

15. Schott, "John M. Parker," p. 216.

16. *New Iberia Enterprise*, August 17, 1912.

17. Richard H. Collin, "Theodore Roosevelt's Visit to New Orleans and the Progressive Campaign of 1914," *Louisiana History*, XII (1971), 8.

18. Howard, *Political Tendencies*, p. 204.

Preparing for the congressional elections of 1914, Parker called the Progressives into convention in New Orleans on June 18, 1914. A headline in the *Weekly Iberian* on Saturday, June 20, 1914, announced that Edwin S. Broussard, had joined the ranks of the Bull Moosers, and would be attending the convention in New Orleans. Joining him would be Randolph P. Ribbeck, John D. Walet, P. A. Landry, Mayor Alphe Fontelieu, J. E. Verrett, A. A. Theriot, and Ulysse Landry. Several of these men were sugar planters in the New Iberia area. In addition to members of the Progressive party, Jules Dreyfus, a regular Republican, attended the New Orleans convention.<sup>19</sup>

Meanwhile, the Democrats were not silent. The *Weekly Iberian* announced that on July 25, there would be a Democratic meeting not to endorse or pick any special candidate, but to "stem the tide which has been swelling the Bull Moose Party."<sup>20</sup> The *New Iberia Enterprise*, another New Iberia paper, quoted Sen. Walter J. Burke, a staunch Democrat, as saying:

The Bull Moose movement started with a whoop, and to hear them tell, everything was over but the shouting. But we found a very different state of affairs when we got down to work and began organizing the Democrats.

The Third District is Democratic today, . . . the Bull Moose movement there has passed its zenith. If there is any change from now on it will be our way.<sup>21</sup>

These voices, however, were soon drowned out by increasing support in the District for the Progressive party. The *New Iberia Enterprise* announced on August 29, 1914, that "handbills were distributed liberally announcing a mass meeting of the Progressive Party at 4 PM."<sup>22</sup> The purpose of the meeting was to select sixteen delegates to represent Iberia at the Congressional District Convention to be held in New Iberia on September 5. Subsequently, delegates were selected by the Progressives. Many of the names appearing on the list of delegates are also found in *Gilmore's Guide to Louisiana Planters*.<sup>23</sup> At the meeting, A. A. Theriot, presiding, announced Roosevelt's impending visit. There followed an address by Edwin S. Broussard, a potential candidate for the Third District seat. (His brother, Robert, was then a U. S. Senator-elect.)

Reported in detail by the *Times-Picayune* of August 29, the address by Broussard pointed up the anti-Democratic feelings in the area. He criticized speeches made by the Democratic candidate for the Third District, Henry Gueydan. After stating that the Democrats had violated their platform, he went into the plight of the sugar farmers: "Mr. Broussard said all Louisiana sugar farmers could grow was cane — they couldn't compete with corn growing sections."<sup>24</sup>

New Iberia was not the only town in the Third District leaning toward the Progressives.

19. *The Weekly Iberian*, June 20, 1914.

20. *Ibid.*, July 25, 1914.

21. *New Iberia Enterprise*, August 29, 1914.

22. *Ibid.*

23. A. B. Gilmore, comp., *Gilmore's Guide to Louisiana* (New Orleans, 1914), p. 20.

24. *New Orleans Times-Picayune*, August 29, 1914.

Thibodaux had a Bull Moose meeting.<sup>25</sup> "The meeting was held in the Courthouse and it proved far too small for the crowd, including many women who sought to hear the speeches."<sup>26</sup>

The Progressive bandwagon was cranking up many voters of the Third District and were jumping on for the ride. On September 5, 1914, the Third District Progressive Party Convention was held in New Iberia. After much wrangling and many ballots, Whitmel Pugh Martin of Thibodaux was nominated to run for Congress on the Progressive ticket.

Thus, the Teche Country had become important to the Progressive party and to Roosevelt in his search for congressional seats. John M. Parker wrote to Roosevelt in August, 1914, encouraging him to extend his trip in Louisiana from New Orleans to the bayou country.

Roosevelt could make the trip by machine from Franklin, La., to New Iberia through one of the most beautiful countries in the world, made immortal by Longfellow's 'Evangeline' and known the world over as 'Arcadie' or the 'Cajun country.'<sup>27</sup>

Roosevelt was persuaded. On September 7, 1914, he arrived in New Orleans, the next day he boarded the train for Cajun country.

From all accounts, September 8 dawned hot and dry. Roosevelt had traveled overnight from New Orleans. Arriving in Franklin at 7:45 a.m., he went immediately to the courthouse and there addressed a crowd estimated at numbering 3,000. Promptly at 8:30 the Roosevelt entourage entered automobiles for the trip to Jeanerette and New Iberia. The dignitaries were escorted out of Franklin by seventy-five automobiles and a delegation of eight hundred people.<sup>28</sup> In Jeanerette, the former president gave a short speech and then proceeded to the home of Henry N. Pharr, about five miles east of New Iberia. There, Roosevelt and his group stopped for refreshments and a photo session with I. A. Martin, a prolific New Iberia photographer. Roosevelt was greeted at the Pharr home by a contingent of riders from New Iberia. This had been planned well in advance by Mayor Alphe Fonteljeu.

From what we are informed by members of the entertainment committee, it is the intention to have several hundred citizens meet Mr. Roosevelt on the Model Road leading to this city from Jeanerette on horse back and he will be asked to ride into the city horse back. . . .<sup>29</sup>

25. *Ibid.*

26. *Ibid.*, August 30, 1914.

27. Collin, "Roosevelt's Visit," 13.

28. The author is indebted to the staff of the St. Mary Parish Library for obtaining this account of the Franklin stop which appeared in the *St. Mary Banner*, September 12, 1914.

29. *The Weekly Iberian*, September 5, 1914.



Miss Alice Gates, a young girl at the time, remembers:

He was a hero around here because there were a lot of men who had gone with Roosevelt to Cuba — they were ex-Rough Riders, and, of course, they wanted to join in here — they were excited about it — all these people in this area were riders, and they had their own horses. So when they learned that a hero was coming to Iberia Parish, everybody was on Main Street awaiting him . . . Then all of a sudden they looked to the west [east] and they saw nothing but clouds of dust, dust, dust. They knew that Roosevelt was on his way into town, because all of these Rough Riders, and not only Rough Riders, horsemen, were kicking up the dust so to speak, as they were coming in. New Iberia didn't have the brick street — that came later. There was just plain dirt, and it was dry and hot and the dust was flying in the street, and he rode into New Iberia, and, of course, all these riders were looking up. I guess when they stopped they must have had a drink of beer or something and they were really excited. So he came into town.<sup>30</sup>

Preparations for his arrival had been going on for several weeks. Editorials in both newspapers exhorted the townspeople to give their best reception to the popular ex-president. The *Enterprise*, admittedly harboring a Democratic bias, editorialized:

. . . it behooves all of our citizens who have civic pride to give Mr. Roosevelt a hearty reception despite the fact that he is being brought here in the interest of the Progressive Party. We feel certain Democrats from all over this section of the state will be present to welcome him as well as those of his own political belief and we feel assured the distinguished visitor will leave here well pleased with his visit and have a soft spot in his heart for the people of our little city.<sup>31</sup>

On September 5, 1914, a large notice was prominently displayed on the front pages of both local newspapers:

FOR

## ROOSEVELT'S RECEPTION

The Committee in charge request all parents to send their children to the Court House square by nine o'clock on

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

to participate in the PARADE. All residences and business houses to be decorated and every owner of automobile is asked to decorate same and participate in parade.

30. Alice Gates, private interview at New Iberia, La., May 22, 1985.

31. *New Iberia Enterprise*, Sept. 5, 1914.

Every one having a horse is invited to be at the Court House at eight-thirty on horseback.

No special invitation to any one, the invitation is general and every one asked to lend his best efforts to make the reception a success.

Mayor Alphe Fontelieu  
Committee on Reception<sup>32</sup>

For several weeks prior to the event, advertisements had appeared in the papers announcing that the Southern Pacific would offer reduced rates on its lines into New Iberia. The New Iberia and Northern Railroad said in its notice that it was making "special efforts" to bring people from Port Barre and intersecting points.<sup>33</sup>

A small notice in the "Personals" column of the *Enterprise* read: "... the most delicious salads, gumbo, and coffee and ham sandwiches" would be available to parade-goers from the ladies of the Episcopal Guild.<sup>34</sup> It seems everyone was getting involved one way or another.

Riding into New Iberia on an "iron gray pacer," Roosevelt was greeted at the town boundary by "a brass band and several young ladies on saddle horses, among them being little Miss Lettie Grace Decourt and Miss Hester Kramer."<sup>35</sup> The town had been "bedecked with flags and bunting." A speakers' stand had been erected in front of the courthouse. "Main Street was a mass of humanity, in fact, it was one of the largest crowds that has visited this city for a number of years."<sup>36</sup> The *Times-Picayune* correspondent covering the event estimated the crowd between nine and ten thousand people.<sup>37</sup>

Immediately upon reaching the speakers' stand, Mr. Roosevelt who was riding a beautiful animal, dismounted and was escorted to the stand by Mayor Fontelieu, Hon. E. S. Broussard, T. J. Labbe, Judge Martin and dozens of others. Awaiting on the stand was our fellow-citizen and leader of the Progressive movement here, Hon. Jno. Russell who sat in his invalid chair eager to grasp the hand of Mr. Roosevelt who was introduced to him with others by the Mayor.<sup>38</sup>

After being welcomed by Mayor Fontelieu, E. S. Broussard spoke, going into the political issues of the day, especially the question of the tariff "in a manner well calculated to awaken the enthusiasm of all Bull Moosers within the sound of his voice"<sup>39</sup>

32. *Ibid.*

33. *Ibid.*; *The Weekly Iberian*, September 5, 1914.

34. *New Iberia Enterprise*, September 5, 1914.

35. *Ibid.*, September 12, 1914.

36. *Ibid.*,

37. *Times-Picayune*, September 10, 1914.

38. *New Iberia Enterprise*, September 12, 1914.

39. *The Weekly Iberian*, September 12, 1914.

Roosevelt then spoke, again attacking the tariff as it "relates to sugar and expounded Progressive principles."<sup>40</sup>

At the end of his speech he finished with a few phrases in French, apologizing for his bad pronunciation and lack of vocabulary. Many hurrahs and hand clapping were followed by vigorous hand shaking by Roosevelt. At 11:40 a.m., he was taken by automobile to the railroad station where he boarded the east-bound train for New Orleans, ending an extremely busy morning.<sup>41</sup>

Was his whirlwind trip a success? In terms of the national picture, it was not. But, as a *New York Times* editorial of Sept. 10, 1914, indicated: T. R.'s visit was timely because

Louisiana is the only State in which the Progressive Party has apparently any chance to make a gain. . . . Louisiana is counted upon to aid at least one, possibly more, to the slim Bull Moose membership in the House.<sup>42</sup>

On September 13, 1914, the Democrats of the Third District, possibly feeling threatened, held a meeting in New Iberia. Arguments showing the futility of the Progressives' position were trumpeted, by the candidate for Congress, Henry L. Gueydan, and by such dignitaries as former governor in Louisiana, Murphy J. Foster, and by U. S. Senator J. E. Ransdell. They all agreed

. . . that the success of the Bull Moosers in the Third District could by no perchance influence in Washington do more than demonstrate a revengeful spirit on the part of the people of the district. A Progressive congressman would not alter the fixed policies of the Democratic administration, which was fixed in office for two more years at least . . . and no Bull Moose congressman could hope to modify any of the existing sugar legislation.<sup>43</sup>

The *Times-Picayune* supported their opinion. In October it ran an editorial arguing that a Progressive congressman could hope to accomplish very little in trying to return the protective tariff. It suggested that farmers of the Third District should concentrate on crop diversification "instead of rebelling against the Democratic administration."<sup>44</sup>

Murphy J. Foster gave the most impassioned speech at the meeting. He admitted the Democratic party had made a mistake in supporting free trade, but "because my party did not act in consequence with my judgment upon this question is not sufficient reason for leaving my party."

He said the Bull Moosers were detested by both the Democrats and Republicans and therefore could hope to accomplish very little in the way of reform in Congress. "If Roosevelt should die, the party would be buried with him. If Roosevelt should lose his voice, there would be no other to speak for his party."

He maintained that the Progressive party was not a party of protection, but the sugar interests of the district were making a mistake in seeking protection through the Bull

40. *New York Times*, September 9, 1914.

41. *Times-Picayune*, September 9, 1914.

42. *New York Times*, September 10, 1914.

43. *The Weekly Iberian*, September 19, 1914.

44. *Times-Picayune*, October 10, 1914.

Moosers. He went on to say that the Democratic party would eventually be forced by economic conditons caused by the war to replace the duty on sugar.<sup>45</sup>

The detailed coverage of Roosevelt's trip by such papers as the *New York Times* indicates the interest that the Third District contest generated.

The Martin-Gueydan contest in the Third District, therefore, held most interest. . . . The two sides agreed that the election was being watched closely throughout the United States.<sup>46</sup>

Roosevelt was speaking about his hopes for the Louisiana battle even as far north as Philadelphia. In a speech there he predicted that Louisiana would cast her vote for the Progressive party and would break the "Solid South."<sup>47</sup>

In New Iberia, the *Enterprise* endorsed the Democrat, Henry L. Gueydan, running his picture on the front page. In an editorial in the same edition, the *Enterprise* said the Progressives were a catch-all party:

A party so broad in its views that it readily adopts the principles of the Democrats in one section, the Republicans in another, the Prohibitionists elsewhere, one even embraces the cause of women's suffrage where advisable.<sup>48</sup>

Interestingly, the papers began a little mud-slinging, the *Enterprise* saying that according to the Congressional Record, T. R. had declared Jeff Davis a traitor and had said that the Confederate president was an anarchist.<sup>49</sup>

The *Weekly Iberian* was just as biased as the *Enterprise*, but on the opposite side. It was especially aimed at the farmer, and so supported the Progressives. Quoted in the *Weekly Iberian*, an article from the *Franklin Watchman* said the campaign drew the line between

those who believe in free trade and destruction and those who think that an equitable tariff tax should be laid on the importation of articles that come in contact with the things produced in this country.<sup>50</sup>

The polemics flew between the two papers during the campaign. Then on November 3, 1914, the decision was made by the voters. Martin won. He defeated Gueydan by a wide margin in Iberia Parish, 945 to 664.

45. *Ibid.*

46. Schott, "John M. Parker," p. 240.

47. *New Iberia Enterprise*, October 17, 1914.

48. *Ibid.*, October 31, 1914.

49. *Ibid.*

50. *The Weekly Iberian*, October 3, 1914.

Even after the votes had been cast and the outcome was known, the *Enterprise* ran an editorial that had the aroma of sour grapes:

Why our people should be so determined to send a Progressive to Washington and the other districts accept the Democratic nominee, some of whom had some of whom had voted for the Underwood bill, we are unable to understand.<sup>51</sup>

All in all, Roosevelt's trip to the Third District was a futile effort. Nationally

. . . the only Progressive victories in the cataclysmic 1914 elections occurred in California, where Hiram Johnson won re-election as Governor and three Progressives were elected to Congress, and in Louisiana where a Progressive won election to Congress and another Progressive was elected to the State Board of Equalization.<sup>52</sup>

The Progressive victory in the Third District of Louisiana was essentially a reaction "against the only Louisiana party, the Democracy, in a desperate attempt to politically protest a betrayal by an old friend," not an espousal of the basic principles of Progressivism.<sup>53</sup>

51. *New Iberia Enterprise*, November 7, 1914.

52. Collin, "Roosevelt's Visit," 6.

53. *Ibid.*, 18.

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### GROCERIES!!!\*

Just received and for sale, Codfish, Mackerel, Herrings, Shad and Fresh Oysters, Sperm and Tallow Candles, Goshen and Western Butter, Rice, Lard, Extra Sugar cured Hams, Smoked Beef, Mustard, Cinnamon, Cloves, Blacking and a variety of other articles low for cash.

W. H. BASSETT

Washington, [La.], March 7, 1846

\**The Opelousas St. Landry Whig*, July 18, 1845.

LIST OF STATE LICENSES ISSUED  
IN THE PARISH OF ST. LANDRY FOR THE YEAR 1860 \*

*submitted by*

Keith P. Fontenot

NAME	TYPE OF LICENSE	FEE
Alderman, H.	Peddler Horseback	\$25.00
Andrepoint, Martin	Coffee House	\$100.00
Andrepoint, Martin	Store	\$15.00
Andrus, F. S.	Livery Stable	\$15.00
Anselm, J. Mrs.	Hotel	\$10.00
Anselm, Jacob	Billiard Table	\$50.00
Anselm, Jacob	Coffeehouse	\$100.00
Arcene, H.	Doctor	\$10.00
Baldwin, A. J.	Retailing Liquor	\$100.00
Baldwin, C. S.	Flat Boat	\$100.00
Barruse, Jean	Store	\$15.00
Barry, S. L.	Store	\$15.00
Bernard, J. D. & Gerac	Store	(2) / \$15.00
Block, J.	Store	\$15.00
Boagni, V.	Doctor	\$15.00
Bollack, Adolphe	Store	\$15.00
Boutte, L. L.	By the bottle	\$100.00
Briotte, Ludger (FMC)	Store	\$15.00
Cahanin, G., Agt.	Store	\$15.00
Caresy, A.	Store	\$15.00
Carny, Joseph	Store	\$15.00
Carsres, J. D.	Store	\$15.00
Cart, Antoine	Point au Loup Springs	\$50.00
Cass, P.	Store	\$15.00
Castille, A. H.	Store	\$15.00
Cachere, Felix	Store	\$15.00
Chachere, Theodore	Opelousas Store	\$15.00
Chachere, Theodore	Bois Mallet Store	\$15.00
Chachere, Theodore	Coule Croche Store	\$15.00
Charie, Louis	Store	\$15.00
Christman, A.	Brewing Shop	\$20.00
Christman, Jacob	Retailing	\$100.00
Clow, I. J.	Doctor	\$10.00
Collins, P.	Store	\$15.00

NAME	TYPE OF LICENSE	FEE
Cooke, Thomas A.	Doctor	\$10.00
Coreilla, M.	Store	\$15.00
Cushman, W. S.	Notary	\$10.00
Duire, M.	Store	\$15.00
Daigle, Joseph E.	Store	\$15.00
Davidson	Druggist	\$10.00
Deballion, Louis	Doctor	\$10.00
Dejean, Albert	Lawyer	\$10.00
Dejean, Sebastien	By the Bottle	\$100.00
Delafausse, Cyprien	Opelousas	\$15.00
Donato, Gustave (FMC)	Store	\$15.00
Donavan, James	Doctor	\$10.00
Dubuisson, E.	Store	\$15.00
Dugas, Duplecis	Coffee House	\$100.00
Dupre, Edmond	Store	\$15.00
Durio, Alexandre	Billiard Table	\$50.00
Durio, Alexandre	Coffee House	\$100.00
Durant, J. M.	Peddling in Cart	\$50.00
Elkins, William	Notary	\$10.00
Emonet, Michel	Opelousas	\$15.00
Fabrigas, Joel	Store	\$15.00
Fayolle, Edouard	Opelousas	\$15.00
Ferray, F.	Store	\$15.00
Fontenot, Hilaire Onezime	Selling by the Glass	\$100.00
Fontenot, Theodule	Billiard Table	\$50.00
Fontenot, Theodule	Coffee House	\$100.00
Francois, Charles	Store	\$15.00
Fredman, M.	Peddler Horseback	\$25.00
Fusellier, E. L.	Store	\$15.00
Garrant, Marcelien	Hotel	\$10.00
Garrigues, A.	Notary	\$10.00
Gobert, D.	Doctor	\$10.00
Going, A.	Billiard Table	\$50.00
Going, Aaron	Coffee House	\$100.00
Grim, George	Store	\$15.00
Grimmer, N. Mrs.	Hotel (1859)	\$10.00
Grimmer, N. Mrs.	Hotel (1860)	\$10.00
Guedon, Pierre	Store	\$15.00
Guidry, Victor	Billiard Table	\$50.00
Guidry, Victor	Coffeehouse	\$100.00
Guillaumien, P. L.	Notary	\$10.00
Haas, Samuel	Store	\$15.00
Hartman, H. B.	Doctor	\$10.00
Havguet, Emile	Store	\$15.00
Haw, B. L.	Doctor	\$10.00
Hayes, Orsemus	Peddling in Cart	\$50.00

NAME	TYPE OF LICENSE	FEE
Hayes, Orsemus	Store	\$15.00
Hebert, F.	Store	\$15.00
Hebrand, P. L.	Druggist	\$10.00
Hill, George	Doctor	\$10.00
Hirsch, E.	Peddler Horseback	\$25.00
Hollier, R.	Retailing by the Bottle	\$100.00
Hollier, R.	Store	\$15.00
Husband, McHenry	Hotel	\$10.00
Husband, McHenry	Retailing by the Bottle	\$100.00
Husband, McHenry	Store, Washington	\$15.00
Irish, Jacob	Peddling in Cart	\$50.00
Isaac, H.	Peddler by Cart	\$50.00
Isral, J. D.	Billiard Table	\$50.00
Israel, James D.	Coffee House	\$100.00
Jeamsonne, Charles, Jr.	Store	\$15.00
Jackson, Warren F.	Selling by the Glass	\$100.00
Johnsonne, John	Grogshop	\$100.00
Kellemer, J.	Store	\$15.00
Keough, P.	Store	\$15.00
Kerry, Abraham	Store	\$15.00
King, John E.	Lawyer	\$10.00
Knox, W. G.	Doctor	\$10.00
Laas, Frederick	Store	\$15.00
Labyche, Pierre Widow	Store	\$15.00
Lafleur, Dorsin	Store	\$15.00
Lafleur, Onrer	Store	\$15.00
Lague, Alexis	Hotel	\$10.00
Landreneau, Aurelien	Store	\$15.00
Latour, Alexis	Store	\$15.00
Laurina, Eugene	Store	\$15.00
Lee, J. B.	Doctor	\$10.00
Leeman, Charles (FMC)	Store	\$15.00
Lepp, S.	Store	\$15.00
Levy, Abraham	Peddler	\$15.00
Levy, S.	Store	\$15.00
Lewis, Thomas H.	Lawyer	\$10.00
Linton, B. F.	Lawyer	\$10.00
Littell, R. H.	Doctor	\$10.00
Loeb, S. E.	Store	\$15.00
McCauley, Henry	Store	\$15.00
McDavitt, M.	Doctor	\$10.00
McHusband, Henry	Opelousas	\$15.00
McMillan, J. A.	Doctor	\$10.00
Marks, Theodore	Store	\$15.00
Martin, Jean	Store	\$15.00
Millard, E. M.	Doctor	\$10.00



NAME	TYPE OF LICENSE	FEE
Millard, H. J.	Doctor and Druggist (1859 & 1860)	\$40.00
Mills, J. C.	Doctor	\$10.00
Moore, Joseph M.	Lawyer	\$10.00
Morgan, David	Billiard Table	\$50.00
Morgan, David	Coffee House	\$100.00
Morris, J. L.	Store	\$15.00
Moss, James D.	Doctor	\$10.00
Motte, Blalze	Store	\$15.00
Mouton, C. H.	Lawyer	\$10.00
Myers, James	Peddler Horseback	\$25.00
Ney, B.	Store	\$15.00
Ortego, Joachim	Store	\$15.00
Oustre, Ryamon	Store	\$15.00
Overton, Thomas	Lawyer	\$10.00
Patin, E.	Bellcheny Springs, 1859	\$100.00
	& 1860	\$100.00
Perdrix	By the Bottle	\$100.00
Perdrix, A.	Store	\$15.00
Perris, J.	Grogshop	\$100.00
Perrodin, F. & A. Co.	Store	\$15.00
	Store	\$15.00
Petetin, Eugene	Old Store	\$15.00
	New Store	\$15.00
Philippe, Louis	Peddler Horseback	\$25.00
Pilate, E.	Doctor	\$10.00
Pitre, F. L.	Storage for 1859	\$15.00
	Storage for 1860	\$15.00
Poirret, Omer	Hotel	\$10.00
Poirret, Omer	Livery Stable	\$15.00
Posey, John	Livery Stable	\$15.00
Posey, John	Druggist	\$10.00
Pousson, J. B.	Store	\$15.00
Prejean, Aurelien	Store	\$15.00
Prejean, Jean	Store	\$15.00
Prevost, Jean	Opelousas	\$15.00
Prudhomme, Michel	Selling by the Glass	\$100.00
Quatrevaux	Billiard Table	\$50.00
Quatrevaux, N.	Coffeehouse	\$100.00
Ray, James	Doctor	\$10.00
Read, William	Flat Town Store	\$15.00
Reynolds	Doctor	\$10.00
Richard, Jean Bte. V.	Store	\$15.00
Richard, Theodore	Store	\$15.00
Roas, Adolphe	Opelousas	\$15.00
Roberry, H.	Doctor	\$10.00
	Druggist	\$10.00

NAME	TYPE OF LICENSE	FEE
Robin, Casimek	Coffeehouse	\$100.00
Rogers, David	Store	\$15.00
Samuel, L.	Peddler Horseback	\$25.00
Sandoz, Joel H.	Notary	\$10.00
Saucier, Arsene	Store	\$15.00
Sensat, F.	Retail by the Bottle	\$100.00
Simms, John	Store	\$15.00
Simon, Isaac	Peddler Horseback	\$25.00
Simpson, S. F.	Store	\$15.00
Smith, John F.	Notary	\$10.00
Solomon, Joseph	Peddler Horseback	\$25.00
Stagg, Paul	Selling by Bottle	\$100.00
Stagg, Philippe	Store	\$15.00
Stapleton, Edward, Jr.	Selling by the Glass	\$100.00
Stout, F. N.	Grog Shop	\$100.00
Swayze, C. C.	Lawyer	\$10.00
Swayze, C. L.	Lawyer	\$10.00
Tate, Emile	Billiard Table	\$50.00
Tate, Emile	Coffeehouse	\$100.00
Tateman, C. D.	Doctor	\$10.00
Taylor, John	Doctor, 1859	\$10.00
	Doctor, 1860	\$10.00
Thierry, Rose	Millinery	\$15.00
Todd, D. L.	Doctor	\$10.00
Trahan, Charles	Store	\$15.00
Trainor, Francis	Hotel	\$10.00
Urban, J.	Store	\$15.00
Weills, Mire	Store	\$15.00
Wikoff, Edouard (FMC)	Store	\$15.00
Wilkins, Robert S.	Store	\$15.00
Willingham, T. N.	Selling by the Bottle	\$100.00
Winkler, A. L.	Coffee House	\$100.00
Wolf, G. C.	Store	\$15.00
Wilf, G. C.	Hotel	\$10.00
Young, Luther	Retail by the Bottle	\$100.00



# The Section 93 Question

by Gertrude C. Taylor

Sometime in ancient history, floodwaters poured through the gap between the west-bank ridge of Bayou Teche and the Lafayette escarpment, pushing the earth into a series of hollows and hills through which Bayou Vermilion and Bayou Tortue wander. Not long after 1770, Acadians came to and settled themselves on the higher lands on either side of this swale. In time, as their families grew and spread out, they claimed the back lands, mainly for the timber so necessary for fuel and construction.

Having made a requête earlier, 12 heads of families—all kin through marriage and inter-marriage and all settled on Grande Prairie or the highlands running northwest from the Lafayette escarpment—received in 1796 the right to a large tract of low-land containing a dense cypress swamp. This tract was later designated as Section 93 of T9, S., R. 5E. This petition for and the granting of this title as it appears in the records of the United States Board of Commissioners for State Land Claims, reads as follows:

Register and Receivers Report No. 51<sup>1</sup>

Charles Dugas, Jean Charles Dugas, Marguerite Daigle, Olivier Thibodeaux, Theodore Thibodeaux, Marin Martin, Andre Martin, Armand Dugas, John Dugas, and Pierre Dugas claim 1,870 acres on the west side of Bayou Vermilion under order of survey in their favor, dated May 30, 1796.

The following is a translation of their title: The above named persons "inhabitants of the Attakapas, present themselves before your lordship and say that being settled on their lands at a place called Grand Prairie, for the 14 years past, with the belief that they had, in community, the woodland lying between the depth granted to Philip Wisse, and the Bayou Vermilion, without which they cannot subsist, the petitioners solicit it, with the front to run from the boundary of Charles Dugas to Armand Dugas' boundary, in which interval their plantations are included." —May 12, 1796.

The land petitioned for is in His Majesty's domain, and cannot, from its situation be of any utility, except to the petitioners in common, whose plantations cannot do without it. —Attakapas, May 13, 1796 [Signed] Francisco Y. Luengo

"New Orleans, May 13, 1796 -- Let the swamp be granted, as asked, in common, for the use of the petitioners." [Signed] The Baron de Carondelet.

A plat of the survey, dated 1806, representing the boundaries of the claim, and setting forth the quantity included to be about 960 acres, is filed with the notice, but, by a resurvey ordered by the Board, the quantity found to be 1,870 acres. No evidence has been offered to establish occupancy; the land was solicited on account of the wood, and conceded without conditions of settlement. The Board are of the opinion the claim ought to be confirmed, and report it accordingly.

1. *American State Papers*, Public Land Series, 7 vols. (Washington, D. C., 1812-1858), III, 130.

The inconsistencies of this claim cannot go unnoticed. Besides the discrepancies in description and the excessiveness of quantity, the claim included some owners whose properties did not border the woodland, while it excluded others whose properties lay within the stated boundary. And contrary to all regulations for certifying land claims, the United States Board of Commissioners recommended confirmation even though there was no evidence of the required settlement and occupancy.

Evidently the receiving of the order of survey spread rapidly among the settlers of Bayou Vermilion and Bayou Tortue. Perhaps first notice of it came when the first outsider was denied access to wood within the claim. Almost immediately, it seems, 40 others entered into cordial protest. It is again noteworthy that many signers of the following petition did not live near the controversial Section 93, while others who lived on its boundaries and not included in the claim did not enter the protest.

MONSIEUR LOUIS CHARLES DEBLANC, army captain and military commandant of the Attakapas--

The undersigned settlers of Vermilion and Bayou Tortue, of the Attakapas Post, come respectfully before you, sir, to remonstrate that they are caused great harm by the cypress grove concession granted to Amant Dugas and other settlers of Grande Prairie. [This concession] deprives them of the communal property which they have enjoyed to this day so that they beg you to nominate a suitable expert to verify the extent of the said cypress grove, which is great, though the said concession holders claimed it to be insignificant in order to obtain the concession. They ask furthermore that the said expert verify that the said cypress grove had been used in common until this day; that the cypress grove is of no use to the said Armant Dugat and others since besides their own woods they enjoy the same communal rights as the undersigned; and that the undersigned suffer great damage because they are deprived of the construction lumber they need. [The undersigned ask that the commandant] then do, say and require, according to the report of the said experts, what will be suitable. They will offer good wishes for your well-being.

Attakapas, September 29, 1797

Francois Broussard  
Augustin Broussard  
Theophile Broussard  
Olivier Guidry  
Rene Leblanc  
Joseph Hebert  
Simon Leblanc  
Jean-Baptiste Broussard  
Jean-Louis Trahan  
Victor Blanchard  
Baptiste Simon  
Baptiste Labauve  
Simon Mire  
Theodore Broussard  
Jean Faulk  
Louis Trahan

Paul Trahan  
Olidon Broussard  
Louis Hebert  
Aguste Trahan  
Jean Langlais  
Agricole Hebert  
Joseph Dugat  
Baptiste Trahan  
Pierre Vincent  
Jean Mouton  
Francois Boudreaux  
Athanase Trahan  
Francois Labauve  
Jacob Ryan  
Jean Baptiste  
Claude Broussard

Freme Robichaux  
Fuselier de la Claire, Syndic  
Michel Trahan  
Jean Duhan

Pierre Trahan  
Jacque McFarlain  
Rousseau, Syndic  
Delahoussaye

The concession granted by the government to fourteen settlers of Grande Prairie for the cypress grove mentioned in the above statement having been forwarded by my predecessor Don Francisco Casa Y Luengo, I do not know how to respond to their request for a visit by the experts of the said cypress grove. The Superior Tribunal alone will decide what it thinks fair and equitable if it finds the request of the petitioners justifiable.

Louis DeBlanc

New Orleans, November 2, 1797

I will inform Captain DeBlanc in detail as to what I know and will answer him about the preceding matter before the transactions are completed. (St. Martin Parish Original Acts, Bk. 18, no. 73.)

Spanish records do not show any further correspondence between DeBlanc and Spanish authorities, and although the U. S. Board of Commissioners for State Land Claims recommended confirmation when they investigated claims filed after 1807, as late as Oct. 12, 1817, when Section 93 was resurveyed, the claim had not been confirmed and no record of confirmation exists thereafter. Apparently some of those who entered into the first claim and whose property bordered Section 93 decided to extend their holdings by simply claiming possession through prescription. About that time Section 93 became known as Prairie Sorrel, the southeastern edge along the Vermilion being a dense cypress swamp.

First evidence of ownership and title to land within Section 93 comes in 1854, when the succession inventory of Ursin Patin lists the following items: "1) one tract of woodland in Prairie Sorrel, 65 arpents more or less, and 2) Right or title that the succession has, or ought to have, to the Martin's Cypress Swamp situated in this [Lafayette] parish on the west side of Bayou Vermilion."<sup>2</sup>

In the suit, *Pamela Patin v. Césaire Martin*, Jan. 3, 1867, Prairie Sorrel property involved was "1) 50 arpents, bounded by land of Pierre Martin and V. D. Martin, and 2) one tract of woodland bounded by Andre Martin."<sup>3</sup>

2. Succession of Ursin Patin, Lafayette Parish, no. 707, dated Oct. 4, 1854. The Martin family also claimed the cypress swamp on the east side of Bayou Vermilion. Estate of Claude Martin, St. Martin Parish Succession no. 446, June 1822.

3. June 20, 1771, Claude Martin received a Spanish land grant of four arpents front on both sides of Bayou Teche in the vicinity of La Pointe du Repose. On the west side of the bayou, his grant extended almost to Lake La Pointe (later named Lake Martin). Later he occupied land north of his west-side grant extending to the east bank of Vermilion Bayou. After 1807 his heirs claimed and received title to this land (Section 27 on Fig. 1, and Section 19 on Fig. 2).

Césaire Martin was the husband of Pamela Patin. They were married in 1847. Césaire Martin was also the son of Michel Martin, a nephew of Andre and Marin Martin, and grandson of Claude Martin. Pamela Patin's succession, no. 1781 in Lafayette Parish, is dated Dec. 16, 1886. Her 10 arpents of woodland with guaranteed title in Prairie Sorrel is bounded by Joseph M. Dugas. The heirs of Joseph M. Dugas later came into possession of that tract.



Figure 2—Section 101, the land grant of Theodore Thibodeaux extends from Louisiana Avenue on the west to Canal Street beyond Calvary Cemetery on the east. Highway 94, as it runs northeast to Breux Bridge follows the line between sections 101 and 135 and the south line of Section 99. From that point it cuts through Section 94 and across the northwest corner of Section 93 at an angle to the point where it crosses Bayou Vermillion on the line between sections 46 and 121.

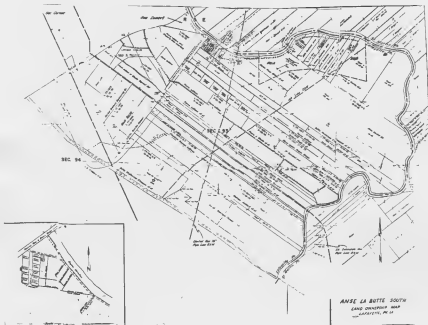


Figure 3—

Not until the turn of this century did any activity or interest in Section 93 take place.<sup>4</sup> One or two families seem to have held on to their titles throughout the last century and one or two more may have drifted into the oblivion of swamp and woodland. Figure 3 shows how land ownership in Section 93 seems to have come into prominence after the discovery of the Anse La Butte oilfield about 1901. Boundaries of some tracts, however, still appear to be incomplete, indefinite, and overlapping. Only one tract is fenced, and in the words of that landowner, "some owners don't really know where their lands lie."

4. Many properties did not show on the Lafayette Parish assessment rolls until about 1900.



## Book Review

ONE MILE AN HOUR: *The Priestly Memories of Monsignor William J. Teurlings*. By Rosalind Foley. Price \$10.00. Available at Claitor's Publishing Division, P. O. Box 3333, Baton Rouge, LA., 70821.

When the reader takes his first look at this little book of less than a hundred pages, the title may seem a little puzzling. The explanation, however, is found in the text, where an account is given of the difficulties involved in traveling through the marshes of Cameron Parish at the turn of the century. As a matter of fact, it sometimes was so difficult that traveling one mile required one full hour, even with the assistance of a horse.

As is learned from the introduction, this book was to be his autobiography, but Monsignor Teurlings had completed only one chapter at the time of his death. In spite of its incompleteness, the book is a first person narrative. The author, Mrs. Rosalind Foley, was able to compile the work from the personal papers, sermons, and other records of Monsignor Teurlings.

The book, originally published in 1959, gives a very interesting account of a small part of Monsignor Teurlings priestly ministry, with accounts of his transfers from one parish to another and some of his experiences in each of these assignments. One of the most interesting of these experiences is the account of the difficulties Monsignor encountered in association with his bringing about the building of the German Romanesque edifice that was to become, and presently is, the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of Lafayette.

Even though one might not be particularly interested in reading about the experiences of a priest, the narrative should be of interest to all because of the description of living conditions in this part of the country in the early years of this century. This narrative should give anyone a great appreciation of the conveniences he enjoys today.

Diocese of Lafayette

George A. Bodin



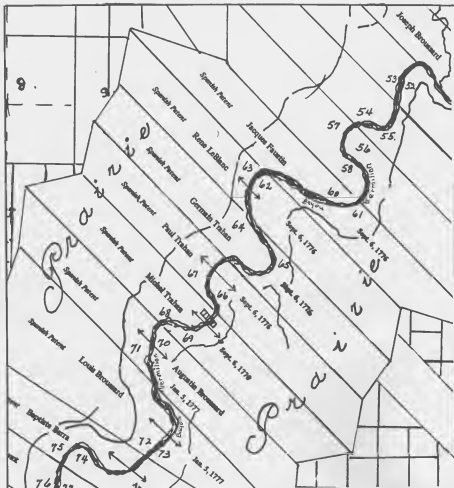
### PUPIL EXAMS\*

The friends of education will perceive by reference to our advertising column, that an examination of the Pupils will take place at the Franklin College, on the 27th inst., Wednesday next. As the public are invited, we hope to see a general turnout on that day. The permanency of our institutions depend on the education of the rising generation.

\*The Opelousas St. Landry Whig, Aug. 21, 1845.

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Michel Trahan settled on and received a grant to land in Township 10 South, Range 4 East in 1776. The south boundary of his grant is approximately the present limit of the City of Lafayette. The bridge crossing Bayou Vermilion (shown on map) marks the location of Ambassador Caffery Parkway. Paul Trahan received a grant of land above that of his father. In 1784, the year Michel Trahan died, Athanase Trahan received the upper half of his father's estate and bought from his brother two arpents front on both sides of the bayou. The Trahan families occupied these properties for many years thereafter.



# SOME DESCENDANTS OF MICHEL TRAHAN AND EUPHROSINE VINCENT\*

Compiled by Gertrude C. Taylor

When Michel Trahan and his wife, Marie Euphrosine Vincent, left Acadie at the time of the *grande dérangement*, they brought with them their four children--Athanase, Paul, Françoise, and Marie.<sup>1</sup> Although no records are available to tell whence they had been driven or just how and when they arrived in the Attakapas, from early St. Martin Parish records one can assume that they were in the area by 1770 and that they settled close by the group of fellow Acadians who had come to the Teche country in 1765.

Finding the more desirable lands along the Teche occupied, Athanase and Paul settled on and claimed lands on Cypress Island Coulee, while the father, Michel, sought the more available and better lands along Bayou Vermilion. His son, Paul, claimed the land above that of his father.<sup>2</sup> In 1784, the year Michel Trahan died, Athanase bought land from his mother and his brother, and sometime later he moved from the Cypress Island area to Bayou Vermilion.<sup>3</sup> In time he acquired more land in the same area.<sup>4</sup>

Michel Trahan died in 1784 and his wife in 1793.<sup>5</sup> Their two sons had many children, and, while quite a few of these died in early adulthood, others lived to have many sons who also fathered large families and many daughters who married within the family, thereby enlarging the clan. Many of these descendants have remained close to the place where their forefather settled more than 200 years ago; others spread from the Lafayette-St. Martin Parish area into Vermilion Parish and later into Acadia, Jeff Davis, and the parishes and state farther westward.

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\*The compiler of this genealogy regrets that she is unable to give a more complete family record of the descendants of Michel Trahan and Euphrosine Vincent. Although this chart contains many names, many others had to be left out because of the multiple use of the same given names throughout the family strips and the incomplete records and lack of information for births, deaths, and marriages. Compiling this genealogy was further complicated by the fact that at least seven other Trahan families are listed in the church and civil records of the same area. These families were headed by Michel Trahan of Morlay, France, Charles Trahan of Maryland, Jean-Baptiste Trahan of Liverpool, Jean-Marie and Auguste Trahan of Belle-Isle-en-Mer, Antoine Joseph Trahan of La Rochelle, and Pierre and Joseph Trahan of Canada.

1. Judging from the dates of their marriages, the children of Michel Trahan and Euphrosine Vincent were teenagers when they left Acadia. It is possible that Athanase was married before he arrived in the Attakapas, since there is no record of his marriage and his wife, Magdeleine Thibodeaux, is "of Acadia." It is possible that she was a sister of Olivier Thibodeaux, whose land grant was on the Teche very near Athanase's land on Cypress Island.

2. Paul received his grant on Cypress Island Coulee May 1, 1776, and Athanase received his on May 5, the next year. Michel and Paul received their grants on Bayou Vermilion September 6, 1776. The present Ambassador Caffery Parkway crosses what was the upper half of Michel Trahan's land grant. His son, Paul, occupied the land above. The daughter, Françoise, married Jacques Faustin, whose land grant was up-river from his wife's father. Marie, the second daughter, married Jean-Baptiste Trahan (son of another Trahan). His grant was farther down and on the east side of Bayou Vermilion. (For locations see the map entitled *Land Grants of the Upper Vermilion River*.)

3. St. Martin Parish Original Acts, Book 4, Nos. 28, 29. January 16, 1784, Athanase bought two arpents frontage on both sides of the Vermilion from his mother, and the next month, he bought the same amount of land from Paul, his brother. In 1787 Athanase sold the Cypress Island Coulee tract to François Gensoulin. *Ibid.*, Book 5, No. 55. Paul sold his land in the same area to Gabriel Fuselier.

4. In 1792 Athanase bought 4 arpents frontage on Bayou Vermilion from Louis Hébert. *Ibid.*, 12, 80. This land appears to have been adjoining the land he bought from his father's estate. In 1802 he bought a large tract at Grosse Isle from François LaBauve. *Ibid.*, 14, 21.

5. In 1786 Euphrosine Vincent married Bazile Landry of Acadia. By him she had a daughter, Marquerite.

THE DESCENDANTS OF MICHEL TRAHAN  
AND EUPHROSINE VINCENT

Michel Trahan of Acadia, b. \_\_\_\_\_. d. Jan. 20, 1784 (SMch: v. 2, No. 138).  
m. Euphrosine Vincent (SMch: v. 2, No. 138).

I. Athanase, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Magdeleine Thibodeaux (Laf. Ct. Hse: Succ. No. 318).

A. Jean-Baptiste, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. July 27, 1802 (SMch: v. 4, No. 256), Martina D'Entremont, d/o Jacques D'Entremont of Acadia and Marie Herve.

1. Eusebe, b. Aug. 6, 1806 (SMch: v. 7, No. 259), d. Sept. 30, 1839 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 39).  
m. Jan. 12, 1829 (Laf. ch: v. 1, p. 107), Marie Emelitte Trahan, d/o Olivier Trahan and Rosalie Vincent.

a. Onezime, b. Sept. 17, 1829 (Laf. ch: v. 3, No. 59).

m. Jan. 12, 1849 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 216), Marie Melitte Bertrand, d/o Alexis Bertrand and Marie Carmelitte Trahan.

(1) Sarasin, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Marguerite Breaux.

(a) Sarasin, b. Feb. 14, 1893 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 116).

(2) Eusebe, b. July 14, 1859 (Youngville ch: v. 1, p. 3).

m. Marie Celise Duhon.

(a) Felix, b. June 10, 1879 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 109).

m. Feb. 9, 1899 (Rayne ch: v. 2, p. 163), Duprea Hebert, d/o Dupre Hebert and Euphemie Mire.

(b) Francois, b. Oct. 4, 1880 (Laf. ch: v. 1, p. 3).

(c) Clementine, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Dec. 1, 1893 (Jennings ch: v. 1, p. 58), Demosthene Cornar (Conner), s/o Edward Cornar and Melitte Maline.

b. Sarasin, b. Oct. 1, 1831 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 139).

m. Feb. 4, 1854 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 96), Azema Trahan, d/o Jean-Baptiste Trahan and Aspasia Manceaux.

(1) Dolze, b. Aug. 20, 1858 (Laf. ch: v. 6, No. 136).

m. June 21, 1881 (Youngville ch: v. 3, p. 67), Adelaide Sellers, d/o Alexandre Sellers and Aspasia Duhon.

(a) Noemie, b. May 15, 1883 (Youngville ch: v. 2, p. 141).

(b) Dolze, b. Feb. 5, 1888 (Youngville ch: v. 3, p. 32).

(c) Aspasia, b. July 10, 1889 (Youngville ch: v. 3, p. 60).

(d) Azema, b. April 29, 1892 (Youngville ch: v. 3, p. 128).

- (2) Ignace, b. Nov. 17, 1861 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 35).  
m. Jan. 10, 1882 (Youngsville ch: v. 3, p. 85), Angelique Broussard.

(a) Joseph Alfred, b. Sept. 30, 1884 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 17).

(b) Marie, b' Dec. 11, 1886 (Youngsville ch: v. 3, p. 3).

(c) Odeus, b. July 11, 1892 (Youngsville ch: v. 3, p. 129).

- (3) Azema, b. Feb. 6, 1869 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 73).

- (4) Onezippe, b. Sept. 11, 1870 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 18).  
m. Marie Comesaux.

(a) Edmee, b. Jan. 30, 1898 (Laf. ch: v. 10, p. 18).

- (5) William, b. Feb. 1, 1873 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 100).

c. Aureline, b. Jan. 21, 1834 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 66).

d. Emmeline, b. March 30, 1837 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 47).

e. Clementine, bt. March 17, 1839, 2 1/2 mo. (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 112).

m. Oct. 10, 1856 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. \_\_\_\_\_), Demosthene Cormier.

#### A. Jean-Baptiste (cont'd)

- m. 2nd. April 1, 1815 (Opel. ch: v. 4, No. 256), Marie-Joseph Aucoin, d/o Mathurin Aucoin of St. Malo and Suzanne Langlois.

2. Francois Xavier, b. Jan. 2, 1819 (SMch: v. 7, No. 602).

m. July 16, 1838 (Opel.Ct.Hse: No. 75), Adelaide Lejeune, d/o Jean Lejeune and Marie Louisa Lacasse.

a. Athanase, b. Oct. 8, 1841 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 306).

b. Emelie, b. May 27, 1844 (Opel. ch: p. 240).

3. Joseph Treville, b. April 19, 1821 (SMch: v. 7, No. 1032).

m. May 4, 1847 (G. C.ch: v/1, p. 170), Azelie Roy, d/o Noel Roy and Eugenie Menard.

a. Joseph Treville, b. April 1, 1849 (G. C. ch: v. 1, p. 303).

b. Joseph Leisure, b. Dec. 11, 1851 (G. C. ch: v. 1, p. 52).

4. Louise, b. May 24, 1824 (CMch: v. 7, No. 1508).

5. Sylva, b. July 4, 1829 (SMch: v. 7, No. 1508).

6. Marie, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

m. Feb. 8, 1831 (Opel. ch: v. 2, p. 7), Simon Granger, s/o Simon Granger and Adelaide Hebert.

7. Aspasia, bt. July 22, 1832 (Laf. ch: v. 4, No. 50).

8. Suzanne, b. Nov. 1, 1834 (Opel. ch: v. 3, p. 337).

9. Suzanne, b. Oct. 12, 1839 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 190).

m. Azema Trahan, d/o Jean-Baptiste and Marguerite Manceaux.

a. Hubal, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

m. June 19, 1878 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 248), Emelie Broussard.

(1) Eliacin, b. June 27, 1879 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 57).

B. Madeline, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

m. June 3, 1806 (SMch: v. 5, No. 60), Charles Manceaux, s/o Louis Manceaux and Louise Joussan.

C. Mary Magdeleine, b. July 1, 1778. d. Nov. 24, 1803 (SMch: v. 4, No. 331).

D. Pierre, b. July 25, 1783 (SMch: v. 2, No. 128).

m. May 1, 1809 (SMch: v. 5, No. 145), Suzette Boulet of Lafourche, d/o Louis Boulet and Jeanne Landrot.

1. Anne, b. Oct. 4, 1810 (SMch: v. 6, No. 1062). d. Sept. 14, 1814.

2. Marie Clothilde, b. Dec. 17, 1811 (SMch: v. 6, No. 1300).

3. Athanase, b. July 4, 1813 (SMch: v. 6, No. 1812).

4. Pierre, b. Jan. 29, 1815 (SMch: v. 6, No. 1812).

m. Jan. 10, 1837 (Opel. ch: v. 2, p. 104), Celestine Marcantel, d/o Antoine Marcantel and Jacente [Jacinto?] Fruge.

a. Clementine, bt. Dec. 25, 1837 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 67). d. Oct. 15, 1895 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 358).

m. May 8, 1852 (SMch: v. 9, No. 22), Theogene Monte, s/o Cyprien Monte and Juliette Meaux.

b. Emelie, bt. June 24, 1838 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 114).

m. April 29, 1867 (BBch: v. 1, p. 70), William Kidder, s/o Jean Kidder and Elena Lagrange).

c. Amelia, b. Aug. 29, 1840 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 67).

d. Pierre Alcide, b. March 18, 1843 (SMch: v. 9, p. 307).

m. April 26, 1886 (BBch: v. 3, p. 192), Amanda Lajaunie.

(1) Marie Rosa, b. Feb. 5, 1888 (Arnaudville ch: v. 4, p. 233).

e. Elodie, b. May 19, 1845 (SMch: v. 9, No. 11).

f. Lastie, bt. March 23, 1848, 4 mo. (BBch: v. 4, p. 3).

m. Azelie Delhomme.

(1) Ida, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) Ida (cont')

m. June 19, 1894 (BBch: v. 2, p. 73-A), Louis Bernard widr/o Alice Dongereau.

(2) Armentine, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Oct. 15, 1889 (BBch: v. 2, p. 333), Myrtille Simon, s/o Simon Simon and Eugenie Black.

(3) Pierre Felix, b. Oct. 4, 1872 (BBch: v. 1, p. 197).

m. March 31, 1891 (BBch: v. 2, p. 424), Aglae Melancon, d/o Jean Melancon and Angelina Dugas.

(4) Dorcienne, b. April 4, 1875 (BBch: v. 1, p. 117).

(5) Joseph Selerive, Sept. 10, 1881 (BBch: v. 2, p. 142).

(6) Marie Aline, b. Oct. 17, 1882 (BBch: v. 2, p. 142).

(7) Cecile, b. Oct. 19, 1883 (BBch: v. 2, p. 236).

(8) Blanche, b. Nov. 28, 1887 (BBch: v. 2, p. 412).

g. Azelie, b. Oct. 25, 1849 (BBch: v. 1, p. 24).

m. Cesaire Stoute, s/o Benjamin Stoute and Clemence Boulet.

h. Athanase, b. April 13, 1851 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 69).

m. Nov. 27, 1879 (Arnaudville ch: v. 2, p. 134), Marie Eve Ploet, d/o August Ploet and Marie Azoline Guidry.

(1) Emile, b. Aug. 2, 1880 (Arnaudville ch: v. 3, p. 284).

m. April 8, 1899 (Arnaudville ch: v. 3, p. 23), Philomene Trosclair.

(2) Joseph Clemille, b. July 18, 1884 (Arnaudville ch: v. 4, p. 112).

(3) Pierre, b. Dec. 5, 1886 (Arnaudville ch: v. 4, p. 184).

(4) Caliste, Oct. 14, 1888 (Arnaudville ch: v. 4, p. 261).

(5) Marie Nita, b. Sept. 19, 1890 (Arnaudville ch: v. 5, p. 4).

(6) Rita, b. Dec. 14, 1893 (Arnaudville ch: v. 5, p. 120).

(7) Faranta, b. Feb. 14, 1895 (Arnaudville ch: v. 5, p. 150).

j. Marie Azema, b. Feb. 9, 1853 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 69).

m. Feb. 14, 1871 (BBch: v. 1, p. 185, Ulgere Webre, s/o Ulgere Webre and Carmelite Guidry.

m. 2nd, May 7, 1883 (Arnaudville ch: v. 2, p. 189), Adrien Roy, s/o Cyprien Roy and Adolphe Guilbeau.

k. Alcide, b. Dec. 17, 1855 (SMch: V. 10, No. 241).

m. Laurence Melancon

(1) Rene, b. Nov. 6, 1875 (BBch: v. 1, p. 136).

m. Elvire Guidry.

(a) Claude, b. Aug. 28, 1899 (BBch: v. 4, p. 21).



- (2) Laurent, b. \_\_\_\_.  
m. Jan. 21, 1899 (BBch: v. 2, p. 168-A), Leontine Thibodeaux, d/o Nicolas Thibodeaux and Coralie Bulliard.
5. Marcelite, b. Dec. 10, 1816 (SMch: v. 7, No. 114).
6. Marguerite, b. March 6, 1819 (SMch: v. 7, No. 666).
7. Marie Urasie, b. Dec. 28, 1820 (SMch: v. 7, No. 1025).  
m. July 30, 1838 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 8), Francois Roy, s/o Francois Roy and Francoise Meaux.
8. Louis, b. Feb. 26, 1823 (Laf. ch: v. 1, p. 22). d. Oct. 17, 1877.  
m. Nov. 25, 1844 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 175), Julianne Monte, d/o Cyprien Monte and Julianne Meaux.
- a. Jean, b. Dec. 17, 1847 (BBch: v. 1, p. 5).  
b. Don Louis, b. May 28, 1852 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 78).  
c. Ursule, b. Sept. 23, 1854 (SMch: v. 10, No. 6).  
d. Julianne, b. June 11, 1859 (BBch: v. 1, p. 63).
- e. Marie, bt. Aug. 4, 1857 (BBch: v. 1, p. 43).  
m. June 24, 1880 (BBch: v. 1, p. 264), Onezime Roger, s/o Onezime Roger and Idolie Breaux.
- f. Constance, b. Feb. 22, 1850 (BBch: v. 1, p. 28).  
m. Sept. 14, 1871 (BBch: v. 1, p. 194), Sevenne Leblanc, s/o Arvene Leblanc and Ernestine Baudoin.
- g. Albert, b. Dec. 3, 1861 (BBch: v. 1, p. 25).  
m. Ophelia Brasseau.
- (1) Laura, b. Dec. 27, 1889 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 343).  
m. 2nd., April 26, 1894 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 127), Marie Lagneaux, d/o Auguste Lagneaux and Elizabeth Devoy.
- h. Alcee, b. July 22, 1864 (BBch: v. 1, p. 40).
- i. Aselima, b. March 17, 1868 (BBch: v. 1, p. 85).  
m. Dec. 27, 1882 (BBch: v. 3, p. 78), Alcee Caillier, s/o Jean Caillier and Celestine Begnaud.
- j. Martin, b. \_\_\_\_.  
m. Jan. 7, 1867 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 44), Elodie Hebert, d/o Sosthene Hebert and Devinne Dartez.
- (1) Cleophas, b. Aug. 1, 1870 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 84).  
m. Jan. 5, 1893 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 200), Aline Broussard.

(a) Jean Gaulbert, b. Jan. 29, 1894 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 250).

(2) Ozea, b. July 13, 1872 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 170).

9. Marie Cidalise, b. Feb. 16, 1825 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 61).

E. Michel, b. March 20, 1785 (SMch: v. 3, No. 74).

m. May 16, 1809 (SMch: v. 5, No. 146), Suzette Guidry, d/o Olivier Guidry and Felicite Aucoin.

1. Jean-Baptiste, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

m. Dec. 21, 1824 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 73), Marguerite Aspasie Manceaux, d/o Charles Manceaux and Magdeleine Trahan.

a. Azema, b. Aug. 26, 1833 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 52).

m. Feb. 20, 1854 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 96), Sarazain Trahan, s/o Jean-Baptiste Trahan and Marie-Josephe Aucoin.

b. Jean-Baptiste, b. Dec. 21, 1834 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 205).

c. Eugene, b. Dec. 5, 1836 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 35). d. 1865 (Laf. Ct. Hse: Succ. No. 1022-B).

m. Sept. 12, 1859 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 572), Rosa Ducharme, d/o Eugene Ducharme and Amelie Templet.

(1) Ambroise, b. Feb. 16, 1860.

(2) Joseph Eugene, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

m. Jan. 29, 1885 (Laf. ch: v. 7, No. 9), Marie Adele Comay, d/o Henri Telesphore and Marie Adele Rousel.

(a) Veronique, b. Oct. 31, 1885 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 36).

(b) Marie Besse, b. Nov. 11, 1892 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 233).

d. Clemille, bt. April 18, 1839, 3 mos. (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 117).

m. Sept. 30, 1861 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 206), Aureline Trahan, d/o Edmond Trahan and Celanie Broussard.

(1) Emma, b. April 18, 1863 (Laf. ch: v. 6, no. 77).

m. March 24, 1879 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 3180), Nunez Lyons.

(2) Marie Aurora, b. Oct. 8, 1866 (Laf. ch: v. 7, No. 12).

m. Nov. 14, 1882 (Laf. ch: v. 7, No. 29), Auguste Verrot.

(3) Albert, b. April 21, 1870 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 5).

m. Feb. 5, 1891 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 93), Emma Doucet, d/o Assas Doucet and Rose Landry.

(a) Abel Claude, b. Sept. 7, 1893 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 254).

- (4) Hebert, b. March 12, 1876 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 192).  
m. Feb. 8, 1898 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 180), Emelie Breaux, d/o Joseph Breaux and Mathilde Dugas.
- (5) Phillibert, b. Feb. 27, 1881 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 132).  
m. Dec. 19, 1899 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 6245), Estelle Guillot.
- (6) Jean Livaudais, b. May 13, 1883 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 213).
- (7) Arthur, b. April 23, 1886 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 50).
- (8) Edna, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. April 14, 1891 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 96), Danton Veazey.
- (9) Jean-Dassas, b. June 10, 1892 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 220).
- (10) Mary Agnes, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. April 25, 1898 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 183), Leopold J. Mouton, s/o Jean-Jacques Mouton and Emelie Berard.
- e. Eulalie, b. March 4, 1843 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 281).  
m. Sept. 17, 1866 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 281), Adam Racca, s/o Armand Racca and Marie Gobelet.
- f. Euranie, b. Sept. 4, 1848 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 31).  
m. Sept. 17, 1866 (Laf. Ct.Hse: No. 869), Michael Hebert, s/o Sarazin Hebert and Veronique Guidry.
- g. Eugenie, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. April 21, 1870 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 287), Despalier Bouton, s/o Paul Boutin and Zeolide Mathieu.
2. Michel, b. Feb. 5, 1810 (SMch: v. 6, No. 880).
3. Marie Philonese, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Dec. 9, 1833 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 109), Julien Leger, s/o Julien Leger and Marie Duhon.
4. Onezime, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Aug. 7, 1837 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 266), Carmelite Trahan, d/o Pierre Trahan and Marguerite Sellers.
5. Edmond Maximilien, b. Aug. 31, 1821 (G. C. ch: v. 1, p. 21).  
m. Oct. 3, 1842 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 123), Marie-Josephe Guidry, d/o Pierre Guidry and Marie Parks.
- a. Anastasie, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Sept. 16, 1873 (Youngville ch: v. 2, p. 86), Portalion Trahan, s/o Treville Trahan and LaClaire Bourque.
- b. Marguerite, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. June 9, 1869 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 198), Thomas Bourque, s/o Placide Bourg and Aspasia Duhon.

- c. Meline, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Oct. 2, 1893 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 119), Armand Racca, s/o Henri Racca and Azoline Vincent.
- d. Melanie, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Dec. 6, 1897, Demosthene Trahan, s/o Maximilien Trahan and Marie Arminie Trahan.
- e. Aureline, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Dec. 31, 1900 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 244), Julice Trahan, s/o Jules Trahan and Villeo Broussard.
6. Treville, b. ca. 1821.  
m. July 11, 1842 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 117), LaClaire Bourg, d/o Placide Bourg and Marguerite Parks.
- a. Belzire, b. May 24, 1859 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 51).  
m. Sept. 16, 1873 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 85), Julien Bourque, s/o Placide Bourque and Aspasia Guillon.
- b. Florentin, b. Dec. 7, 1853 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 10).  
m. Oct. 23, 1872 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 328), Eugenie Trahan.
- (1) Florentin, b. Dec. 21, 1872 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 91).  
(2) Eve, b. May 10, 1879 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 30).  
(3) Jean Ferius, b. Dec. 22, 1883 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 4).  
(4) Joseph Meo, b. Jan. 23, 1886 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 42).  
(5) Marie angela, b. April 18, 1889 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 42).
7. Stinville, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. March 18, 1849 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 142), Marie Cidalise Trahan, d/o Pierre Trahan and Suzanne Boulet.
- a. Pierre Neuville, b. March 16, 1851 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 64).  
m. \_\_\_\_\_, Anastasie Gaspard, wid/o Ozerne Trahan.
- (1) A. Seliva, b. Oct. 23, 1872 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 175).  
(2) Orville, b. Aug. 12, 1876 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 165).  
(3) Marcellite, b. April 25, 1876 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 198).  
(4) Joseph Oleus, b. June 15, 1880 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 74).  
(5) Josephine b. Jan. 13, 1882 (Rayne ch: v. 2, p. 142).  
m. 2nd., April 17, 1884 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 283), Herminie Morvant  
(6) Overton, b. Feb. 4, 1885 (Rayne ch: v. 3, p. 4).  
(7) Marie Orphie, b. May 21, 1886 (Rayne ch: v. 3, p. 72).  
(8) Leonard, b. April 14, 1888 (Rayne ch: v. 3, p. 170).  
(9) Alton, b. April 18, 1890 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 159).
- b. Eugenie, b. April 1, 1848 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 23).

c. Marie Erminie, b. April 1, 1848 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 23).

m. Feb. 8, 1869 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 270), Joseph Martin, s/o Michel Martin and Pauline Thibodeaux.

d. Theoville, b. Sept. 15, 1852 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 80).

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Merida Martinez.

(1) Marie Donathilde, \_\_\_\_\_.

m. Oct. 23, 1890 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 83), Alexandre Domingue, s/o Jean-William Domingue and Marie Hidalgo.

(2) Paul Stinville, b. April 13, 1874 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 34).

m. Jan. 31, 1895 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 134), Elodie Sonnier, d/o Marcel Sonnier and Constance Louviere.

(3) Jean, b. Oct. 25, 1875 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 184).

(4) Marie Sylvia, b. Jan. 13, 1880 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 68).

m. April 25, 1895 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 137), Baptiste Lantier, s/o Jean Lantier and Lesemine Martin.

(5) Albert, b. June 14, 1881 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 143).

m. Nov. 10, 1900 (Carencro ch: v. 3, p. 77), Ida Arceneaux, d/o Joseph Arceneaux and Celestine Menard.

(6) Philibert, b. June 14, 1881 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 143).

m. Oct. 11, 1900 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 232), Jane Hutchinson, d/o Hugh Hutchinson and Albertine Hutchinson.

m. 2nd., Nov. 5, 1883 (Laf. ch: v. 7, No. 32), Anna Wise, d/o Andre Wise and Anne Freeland.

(7) Marie Anathalie, b. July 22, 1884 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 14).

(8) Marie, b. April 3, 1886 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 49).

(9) Honora, b. Dec. 16, 1887 (Rayne ch: v. 3, p. 151).

(10) Oscar, b. Sept. 7, 1889 (Rayne ch: v. 4, p. 6).

(11) Fedora, b. Jan. 26, 1894 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 267).

(12) Helena, b. March 22, 1898 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 267).

e. Eugene, b. April 8, 1854 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 92).

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Azema Hebert.

(1) Elizabeth, b. \_\_\_\_\_.

m. March 26, 1894 (Rayne ch: v. 2, p. 110), Lumas Henry, s/o Aladin Henry and Amelie Dubois.

f. Domesthene, b. Feb. 14, 1857 (Laf. ch: v. 6, No. 77).

g. Ordalie, b. July 30, 1859 (Laf. ch: v. 6, No. 9).

h. Coralie, b. Dec. 19, 1861 (Laf. ch: v. 6, No. 13).

## 8. Florian Emile, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Jan. 30, 1848 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 1), Melanie Broussard, d/o Joachim Broussard and Adelaide Meaux.

a. Constance, b. Dec. 11, 1848 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 36).

b. Alexandre, b. July 3, 1851 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 72).

c. Armand Eugene, b. March 8, 1853 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 83).

m. 2nd., Dec. 25, 1860 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 3), Belzire Duhon, d/o Delphy Duhon and Victoire Trahan.

## d. Amanda, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Feb. 4, 1895 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 269), Homer David, s/o Theodule David and Marie Schexnayder.

e. Marie Elita, b. July 17, 1881 (Abb. ch: v. 4, p. 255).

m. April 20, 1899 (Delcambre ch: v. 1, p. 26), Joseph Comeaux, s/o Theophile Comeaux and Aurore Viator.

f. Ursule, b. Oct. 21, 1889 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 319).

g. Maria, b. Oct. 18, 1891 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 77).

h. Cecile, b. Sept. 29, 1893 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 220).

i. Edmond, b. Sept. 25, 1897 (Kaplan ch: v. 1, p. 9).

## 9. Edmond, b. Nov. 20, 1832 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 61bis).

m. Marie Azelie Duhon.

a. Simeon, b. Sept. 16, 1857 (Laf. ch: v. 6, No. 131).

m. \_\_\_\_, Argine Trahan.

(1) Argina, b. Nov. 28, 1879 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 66).

(2) Adenene, b. June 27, 1882 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 125).

(3) Algina, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Jan. 24, 1891 (Kaplan ch: v. 1, p. 4), Paul Thibodeaux, s/o Pierre Thibodeaux and Louise Richard.

(4) Odeide, b. June 21, 1889 (Rayne ch: v. 3, p. 245).

(5) Jean, b. April 9, 1894 (Iota ch: v. 1, p. 128).

## b. Edmond, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. June 20, 1879 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 278), Marie Philonese Trahan, d/o Maximilien Trahan and Anastasie Bonnet.

(1) Argina, b. April 21, 1884 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 155).

(2) Simeon, b. April 21, 1884 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 189).

(3) Domini, b. May 1, 1886 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 189).

## 10. Valsain, bt. Dec. 28, 1836, 8 mo. (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 25).

m. April 27, 1857 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 144), Amelia Roy, d/o Achille Roy and Marcellite Trahan.

a. Lausin, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Jan. 22, 1883 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 232), Aminthe Landry, d/o Alcide Landry and Emma Girouard.

b. Melosin, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Sept. 3, 1885 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 12), Felicia Schexnayder d/o Felicien Schexnayder and Mathilde Mire.

(1) Nathilia, b. Aug. 11, 1888 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 262).

(2) Duplessin, b. July 14, 1891 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 69).

(3) Valsin, b. July 14, 1891 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 69).

(4) Felicien, b. Oct. 4, 1893 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 260).

(5) Olive, b. Feb. 28, 1894 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 258).

c. Emma, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Dec. 18, 1900 (Kaplan ch: v. 1, p. 21), Drozin Theriot, s/o Telesmare Theriot and Arthemise Richard.

d. Drozin, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Jan. 31, 1887 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 49), Alida Schexnayder, d/o Toussaint Schexnayder and Ethiza Touchet.

(1) Galbert, b. Jan. 10, 1889 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 274).

(2) Alexis, b. Jan. 30, 1892 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 102).

(3) Palmyre, b. April 7, 1894 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 271).

F. Athanase, b. Jan. 23, 1787 (SMch: v. 3, No. 183). d. Nov. 6, 1810 (SMch: v. 4, No. 667).

m. Jan. 2, 1810 (SMch: v. 5, No. 166), Marie Clothilde Landry of Iberville, d/o Joseph Landry and Marguerite Pivautot (Pevoto).

1. Edmond Athanase, b. Dec. 11, 1810 (SMch: v. 4, no. 356). d. ca. 1858 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 356).

m. Nov. 24, 1833 (SMch: v. 7, No. 266), Marie Amelia Ducharme, d/o Pierre Ducharme and Marie Rivet.

a. Marie Emeline, b. Dec. 5, 1834 (SMch: v. 8, No. 816).

m. Sept. 4, 1854 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 105), John Whittington, s/o James Whittington and Elizabeth Sellers.

b. Marie Emelia, b. Oct. 15, 1836 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 151).

m. Nov. 16, 1857 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 151), Auguste Vouaux of France.

c. Richard Alcide, b. April 3, 1840 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 207).

m. July 25, 1859 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 693), Marguerite Aspasie Trahan, d/o Jean-Baptiste Trahan and Marie Aspasie Manceaux.

(1) Marie Mathilde, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Nov. 3, 1879 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 40), Charles Allemond, s/o Charles Allemond and Jeanette Domingue.

(2) Marie Nathalie, b. July 17, 1863 (Laf. ch: v. 6, No. 21).

m. June 28, 1883 (Laf. ch: v. 7, No. 23), Joseph Martial Bergeron, s/o Simon Bergeron and Louise Broussard.

(3) Elise Mathilde, b. July 21, 1865 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 26).

(4) Marie Rose, b. Dec. 13, 1866 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 56).

m. Jan. 14, 1884 (Laf. ch: v. 7, No. 4), Francois Bergeron, s/o Simon Bergeron and Louise Broussard.

m. 2nd., Dec. 15, 1890 (Laf. ch: v. 7, No. 46), Simon Bergeron, s/o Simon Bergeron and Louise Broussard.

(5) Hubert, b. Nov. 14, 1871 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 118).

m. April 20, 1890 (Carencro ch: v. 2, p. 94), Ellen Guidry, d/o William Guidry and Elise Lalande.

(a) Rene, b. Feb. 28, 1892 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 214).

(b) Leon, B. Jan. 28, 1897 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 345).

(6) Azila, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Jan. 16, 1893 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 113), Jean-Baptiste Lagneaux, s/o Auguste Lagneaux and Elizabeth Devoy.

(7) Helene, b. Aug. 1, 1873 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 118).

m. Aug. 16, 1892 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 109), Felix Lagneaux, s/o Auguste Lagneaux and Elizabeth Devoy.

(8) Alcide, b. May 10, 1879 (Abb. ch: v. 4, p. 130).

m. Oct. 10, 1898 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 191), Alzina David, d/o Duclisse David and Felicia Domingue.

d. Jean, b. Dec. 27, 1842 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 275).

Athanase (cont'd)

m. 2nd., July 14, 1845 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 217; Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 198), Marie Celanie Broussard d/o Louis Broussard and Umea Simon.

e. Aureline, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Sept. 30, 1861 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 206), Clemille Trahan, s/o Jean-Baptiste Trahan and Marguerite Aspasie Manceaux.

f. Marie Dometile, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. May 5, 1856 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 115), Lewis Whittington, s/o James Whittington and Elizabeth Sellers.

G. Joseph, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. June 15, 1813 (SMch: v. 5, No. 301), Euphrosine Granger, d/o Jean-Baptiste Granger and Susanne Cormier.



1. Marie Zélie, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. April 20, 1835 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 188), Don Louis Langlinais, s/o Louis Langlinais and Aspasia Boudreaux.

2. Euphrosine, b. June 17, 1814 (SMch: v. 6, No. 1758).

H. Victoire, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Jan. 5, 1813 (SMch: v. 5, No. 277), Delphy Duhon, s/o Firmin Duhon and Marie Trahan.

I. Julien, b. May 22, 1789 (SMch: v. 4, No. 356). d. Aug. 10, 1822 (SM. Ct. Hse: Succ. No. 448).

m. Oct. 30, 1815 (SMch: v. 5, No. 301), Marie Melite Landry.

1. Marie Irma, b. Aug. 22, 1816 (SMch: v. 7, No. 826).

m. Dec. 28, 1835 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 202), Ambroise Lepine, s/o Matthew Lepine and Marie Marguerite Boulet.

2. Marguerite, b. June 25, 1818 (SMch: v. 7, No. 472).

m. Oct. 27, 1834 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 176), Alexis Duhon, s/o Delphin Duhon and Victoire Trahan.

3. Julien, b. April 21, 1820 (SMch: v. 7, No. 892).

m. Azélie Guidry.

a. Desire, b. Sept. 12, 1861 (SMch: v. 10, No. 938).

m. Nov. 9, 1880 (BBch: v. 2, p. 6), Aglaé Thibodeaux, d/o Clerman Thibodeaux and Idalie Castille.

b. Cecile, b. July 4, 1868 (BBch: v. 1, p. 88).

m. Oct. 10, 1882 (BBch: v. 3, p. 67), Andre Hebert, s/o Valery Hebert and Evelina Boudreaux.

c. Marie Abel, b. Aug. 5, 1870 (BBch: v. 1, p. 139).

d. Leontine, b. Feb. 17, 1876 (BBch: v. 1, p. 134).

m. Aug. 8, 1896 (BBch: v. 2, p. 118-A), Henri Hebert, s/o Aubin Hebert and Marie Delaloire.

e. Rene, bt. Feb. 4, 1880 (BBch: v. 2, p. 76).

m. Nov. 22, 1898 (Cecilia ch: v. 1, p. 16), Celvire Gauthreaux, d/o Lastie Gauthreaux and Pauline Leblanc.

f. Joseph, b. March 26, 1864 (BBch: v. 1, p. 38).

II. Francoise, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. July 18, 1772 (SMch: v. 1, p. 27), Jacques Fortin (Faustin) of Illinois.

m. 2nd., Feb. 13, 1798 (SMch: v. 4, No. 149), Simon Pierre Daigle.

III. Paul, b. \_\_\_\_.

d. Dec. 12, 1799 (SMch: v. 4, No. 195).

m. July 18, 1772 (SMch: v. 1, p. 27), Marie Duhon of Canada, d/o Joseph Duhon and Theotiste Broussard.

A. Olivier, b. \_\_\_\_ d. ca. 1859 (Laf. Ct. Hse: Succ. No. 871).

m. Nov. 26, 1811 (SMch: v. 5, No. 229), Rosalie Vincent, d/o Pierre Vincent and Catherine Galmon (Galand, Galban).

1. Marie Emelite, b. Sept. 10, 1812 (SMch: v. 6, No. 1495).

m. Jan. 12, 1829 (Laf. ch: v. 1, No. 107), Eusebe Trahan, s/o Jean-Baptiste Trahan and Marie Martine D'Entremont.

2. Marie Rose, b. Dec. 12, 1815 (SMch: v. 7, No. 14).

3. Olivier, b. Oct. 29, 1817 (SMch: v. 7, No. 310). d. Sept. 20, 1842 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 87).

m. March 19, 1836 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 210), Adelaide Manceaux, d/o Charles Manceaux and Magdeleine Trahan.

a. Olivier, bt. April 30, 1837 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 39).

b. Daclin, b. Dec. 25, 1841 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 244).

4. Marie Josephine, b. Feb. 13, 1829 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 93).

5. Marie Delusia, bt. Dec. 27, 1834, age 10 mos. (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 194).

6. Carmelite, b. \_\_\_\_ d. July 22, 1838 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 126).

m. April 18, 1833 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 87), Alexis Bertrand, s/o Alexis Bertrand and Marguerite Richard.

7. Joseph Valsin, b. Jan. 1, 1821 (Laf. ch: v. 7, No. 972).

m. March 18, 1843 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 721), Adeline Primo.

a. Adoella, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Aug. 1, 1865 (Youngville ch: v. 1, p. 17), Jean-Meance Doucet, s/o Jean Doucet and Adele Racca.

m. 2nd., July 30, 1849 (Laf. Ct.Hse: No. 412), Josephine Louviere, d/o Julien Louviere and Eloyse Grange.

b. Ovide, b. May 9, 1850 (SMch: v. 9, No. 70).

c. Jules, b. May 6, 1858 (Laf. ch: v. 6, No. 80).

m. June 10, 1878 (Youngville ch: v. 2, p. 246), Odilla Broussard, d/o Theodule Broussard and Azema Vincent.

(1) Julius, b. Aug. 11, 1880 (Youngville ch: v. 2, p. 80).

(2) Julia, b. Nov. 5, 1882 (Youngville ch: v. 2, p. 131).

(3) Anasta, b. June 2, 1885 (Youngville ch: v. 2, p. 175).

(4) Julien, b. Dec. 17, 1888 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 269).

(5) Anastasie, b. Jan. 20, 1891 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 179).

(6) Clarisse, b. April 17, 1891 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 45).

(7) Aurelia, b. March 27, 1894 (Laf. ch: v. 1, p. 45).

- c. Leo, b. Oct. 24, 1860 (Laf. ch: v. 6, No. 52).  
d. Valsaint, b. May 17, 1856 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 104).
8. Jean-Treville, b. Oct. 15, 1822 (Laf. ch: v. 7, No. 310).
9. Valentin, bt. Aug. 6, 1826, 4 1/2 mos. (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 240).  
m. April 21, 1845 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 751), Natalie Trahan, d/o \_\_\_\_\_ and Marie Urasie Trahan.
- a. Olivanie, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. Dec. 18, 1865 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 26) Lastie Bertrand, s/o Joseph Bertrand and Uranie Trahan.
- b. Valentin, b. Oct. 4, 1849 (SMch: v. 9, No. 55).
- c. Donathilde, b. March 25, 1852 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 80).  
m. Dec. 2, 1868 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 1014), Cevenne Roy.
- d. Urasie, b. Nov. 1, 1856 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 104).  
m. July 4, 1877 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 111), Homere Vincent, s/o Valsin Vincent and Uranie Vincent.
- e. Olivier, b. \_\_\_\_\_.  
m. May 1, 1893 (Jennings ch: v. 1, p. 47), Nathalie Racca, d/o Alcide Racca and Amanda Maure.
- f. Lastie, b. Dec. 27, 1863 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 28).
10. Armand, b. Feb. 14, 1828 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 64). d. 1896 (Cameron Ct. Hse: No. 138).  
m. March 13, 1847 (Laf. Ct. Hse: No. 273), Octavine Primo (Primeaux), d/o Jean Primo and Celeste Mire. Marriage validated Oct. 1854 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 24).
- a. Adrien, b. March 5, 1852 (G. C. ch: v. 2, p. 65).  
m. Adelaide Dronet.
- (1) Marie Elithe, b. Oct. 2, 1883 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 24).  
(2) Paul, b. June 28, 1888 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 258).  
(3) Maurice, b. Nov. 18, 1890 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 7).  
(4) Henri Villier, b. Feb. 27, 1893 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 199).  
(5) Alice, b. Nov. 29, 1896 (Abb. ch: v. 7, p. 139).
- b. Elisee, b. June 8, 1854 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 42).  
m. \_\_\_\_\_ Armelise Miller.
- (1) Antoine, b. April 14, 1882 (Abb. ch: v. 4, p. 302).  
(2) Louis Elisee, b. Sept. 21, 1884 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 28).  
(3) Cleophas, b. Oct. 4, 1885 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 182).  
(4) Alcide, b. Nov. 5, 1887 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 27).  
(5) Lovestie, b. Nov. 30, 1889 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 28).

Elisee (cont'd)

(6) Joseph Villiers, b. March 21, 1892 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 237).

(7) Idea, b. Feb. 27, 1893 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 219).

(8) Aristide, b. April 1894 (Abb. ch: v. 7, p. 93).

c. Joseph Anasta, b. March 10, 1856 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 97).

d. Aveline, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Henry Hart.

e. Mary, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Lee Burkhart.

f. Octavine, b. Sept. 1, 1858 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 32).

g. Mathilda, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Hank Burch.

h. Aureline, b. Oct. 25, 1864 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 32).

i. Azema, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Bob Lambert.

j. Emma, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Andrew Jackson.

11. Leo, b. Jan. 14, 1830 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 270). d. ca. 1853.

m. April 24, 1848 (Laf. Ct.Hse: No. 215), Aglae Mire, d/o Elisee Mire and Marie Reaux.

a. Jean, b. March 27, 1849 (SMch: v. 9, No. 68).

m. Nov. 18, 1872 (Youngsville ch: v. 3, p. 181), Odille Trahan, d/o Valentin Trahan and Nathalie Trahan.

(1) Leo, b. Sept. 28, 1873 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 153).

m. Dec. 28, 1896 (Kaplan ch: v. 1, p. 1), Odille Vincent, d/o Valsin Vincent and Uranie Broussard.

(2) Valentin, b. Oct. 10, 1875 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 192).

(3) Marie Helena, b. Jan. 2, 1878 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 38).

(4) Eve, b. Oct. 10, 1893 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 147).

b. Marcel, b. Jan. 16, 1851 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 63).

m. March 29, 1875 (Youngsville ch: v. 2, p. 140), Adelaide Simon, d/o Edmond Simon and Cleonide Broussard.

(1) Aurelius, b. Feb. 16, 1876 (Youngsville ch: v. 1, p. 196).

(2) Marie Onesia, b. Oct. 1879 (Laf. ch: v. 8, p. 52).

(3) Umea, b. Dec. 5, 1882 (Abb. ch: v. 4, p. 324).

(4) Martial, b. Dec. 27, 1884 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 81).

Marcel (Cont'd.)

(5) Aristide, b. April 10, 1887 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 187).

(6) Anna, b. Nov. 9, 1889 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 329).

12. Jean-Baptiste, b.---

m. Jan. 15, 1843 (Laf. ch: v. 3, p. 134), Helena Benoit, wid/o Jean Wickley.

a. Ozeme, b. March 14, 1843 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 286).

b. Pierre Dupreville, b. April 18, 1850 (SMch: v. 9, No. 74).

(1) Pierre D., Jr.

m. Marie Rosalie Dronet.

(a) Pierre, b. Nov. 3, 1887 (Laf. ch: v. 9, p. 86).

c. Aladin Duprelon, b. July 10, 1852 (Laf. ch: v. 6, p. 81).

d. Jean-Baptiste Sirville, b.---

m. Nov. 14, 1892 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 192) Marcelline Roy, d/o Valery Roy and Amelie Istre.

13. Lawrence, bt. Oct. 10, 1834 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 111).

m. Aug. 28, 1854 (Laf. Ct.Hse: No. 1834), Marie Honorine Racca, d/o Clerville Racca and Marie Melite Trahan.

a. Marie Aurette, b. Nov. 1, 1855 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 97).

b. Eugenie, b. July 19, 1861 (Youngville ch: v. 3, p. 211), Jules Bourque.

B. Paul, bt. May 15, 1776 (SMch: v. 1, p. 46).

m. Nov. 22, 1796 (SMch: v. 4, No. 136), Marguerite Monte of Belle-Isle-en-Mer, d/o William Monte and Marie Vincent.

1. Jean-Baptiste, b. Jan. 28, 1799 (SMch: v. 5, No. 120).

m. June 1, 1819 (SMch: v. 6, No. 146), Claire Dubois, d/o Pierre Dubois and Julienne Dartez.

a. Julienne, b.---

m. Feb. 8, 1849 (Laf. Ct.Hse: No. 583), Louis Aubie of France.

b. Azemie, b.---

m. Nov. 6, 1854 (Laf. ch: v. 4, p. 106), Theogene Chaisson, s/o Louis Chaisson and Suzanne Dugas.

c. Marcelite Celeste, wid. of Mathew Sellers, b.---

m. Dec. 16, 1856 (Opel. ch: v. C-2, No. 92), Belizaire Babineaux, s/o Vallere Babineaux and Arthemise Theriot.

2. Marguerite, b. April 7, 1801 (SMch: v. 5, No. 381).

Marguerite (Cont'd.)

m. June 1, 1819 (SMch: v. 6, No. 147), Similien Vincent, s/o Pierre Vincent and Catherine Galmont.

3. Marie, b. Aug. 20, 1803 (SMch: v. 5, No. 83).

4. Francoise, b. Aug. 31, 1808 (SMch: v. 7, No. 503).

5. Anastasie, b. Aug. 27, 1813 (SMch: v. 6, No. 1604).

m. Onezime Boudreaux (Laf.Ct.Hse: Succ. 406).

6. Joseph Hypolite, b. Jan. 23, \_\_\_\_ (SMch: v. 6, No. 341).

m. May 23, 1825 (Laf. Ct.Hse: No. 17), Marcelite Royer, d/o August Royer and Victoire Cormier.

a. Alexis, bt. Nov. 2, 1836, 3 yrs. (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 180).

m. \_\_\_\_\_ Eulalie Leleu.

(1) Alcee, b. Jan. 1, 1872 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 141).

(2) Alcide, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Jan. 7, 1895 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 263), Nathalia Hebert, d/o Armelien Hebert and Delusca Meaux.

(3) Eulalie, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. May 25, 1891 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 157) Cyble Stelly.

(4) Azema, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Oct. 2, 1882 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 222), Cyprien Leger, s/o Cyprien Leger and Marguerite Martin.

b. Joseph Hypolite, bt. Feb. 11, 1837, 2 mos. (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 29).

m. June 23, 1860 (G.C. ch: v. 3, p. 137), Marie Amelia Royer, d/o Auguste Royer and Caroline Bourque.

(1) Amelie, b. Oct. 29, 1863 (G. C. ch: v. 2, p. 253).

(2) Melise, b. Oct. 29, 1863 (G. C. ch: v. 2, p. 253).

(3) Joseph, b. Sept. 11, 1873 (C.P. ch: v. 3, p. 27).

c. Valentin, b. Jan. 11, 1840 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 240).

d. Ursain, b. Feb. 18, 1848 (Laf. ch: v. 5, p. 264).

e. Augustin, b. Feb. 18, 1848 (G. C. ch: v. 1, p. 284).

f. Paul, b. Dec. 9, 1850 (G. C. ch: v. 2, p. 15).

m. Nov. 4, 1869 (C. P. ch: v. 1, p. 15), Marie Mathieu, d/o Guillaume Mathieu and Eulalie David.

(1) Marcelite, b. Aug. 27, 1870 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 92).

(2) Eulalie, b. Jan. 17, 1872 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 142).

Paul (cont'd.)

(3) Marie, b. Oct. 7, 1873 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 226).

(4) Melanie, b. Dec. 5, 1874 (Rayne ch: v. 1, p. 28).

m. April 6, 1893 (Maurice ch: v. 1, p. 3), Louis Vincent, s/o Alexandre Vincent and Louise Simon.

(5) Guillaume, b. Nov. 28, 1879 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 173).

(6) Joseph, b. June 27, 1882 (Rayne ch: v. 2, p. 164).

(7) Gratia Elizabeth, b. Feb. 26, 1892 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 330).

(8) Joseph Delmas, b. Jan. 13, 1895 (Abb. ch: v. 6, p. 330).

g. Marie Nathalie, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. June 28, 1855 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 40), Nathaniel Banks, s/o Charles Banks and Christine Hargrave.

h. Pierre Onezime, b. \_\_\_\_ Succ. April 13, 1893 (Abb. Ct. Hse: No. 227).

m. Aug. 20, 1855 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 43), Nathalie Manceaux, d/o Jean-Baptiste Manceaux and Nathalie Vincent.

(1) Marguerite, b. Aug. 29, 1856 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 113).

(2) Azema, b. Nov. 1, 1858 (Abb. ch: v. 1, p. 1).

(3) Marie Odille, b. Oct. 4, 1867 (G. C. ch: v. 3, p. 3).

m. \_\_\_\_, Jean-Baptiste Trahan.

(a) Nathalie, b. Dec. 5, 1866 (Abb. ch: v. 5, p. 316).

(4) Emillien, b. Dec. 5, 1866 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 164).

(5) Aureline, b. April 17, 1869 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 39).

(6) Homer, b. Nov. 14, 1871 (Laf. ch: v. 7, p. 56).

(7) Hypolite, b. Dec. 10, 1873 (Abb. ch: v. 3, p. 227).

(8) Elias, b. Aug. 12, 1879 (Abb. ch: v. 4, p. 154).

i. Lastie, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Jan. 15, 1861 (G. C. ch: v. 3, p. 145), Bathilde Lavergne, d/o Casimir Lavergne and Marie Meche.

7. Celestie, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Feb. 7, 1831 (Laf. ch: v. 2, p. 31), Zenon Hebert, s/o Agricole Hebert and Elene Prejean.

C. Julianne, b. Nov. 1, 1777 (SMch: v. 1, p. 62).

m. Sept. 24, 1794 (SMch: v. 4, No. 101), Baptiste Broussard, s/o Claude Broussard and Celeste Hebert.

D. Rosalie, bt. April 28, 1780, 9 mos. (Opel. ch.: v. 1, p. 34).

m. Sept. 9, 1806 (SMch: v. 5, No. 72), Louis Henry Racca of Brest, s/o Jean-Philippe Racca and Marie Fortune.

E. Francoise, b. Oct. 3, 1781 (SMch: v. 2, No. 27).

m. June 23, 1801 (SMch: v. 4, No. 231), Nicolas Hebert, s/o Jean-Baptiste Hebert and wdr/o Louisa Bonin.

Françoise (cont'd.)

m. 2nd., May 2, 1818 (SMch: v. 6, No. 97). Antoine Regaconi, s/o Gaspard Regaconi and Elizabeth Connti.

F. Marie Regine, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Nov. 22, 1796 (SMch: v. 4, No. 135), Michel Trahan of Morlby, France, s/o Jean Trahan and Magdeleine Grevemberg.

G. Jean-Marie, b. \_\_\_\_ . d. Feb. 14, 1804 (SMch: v. 4, No. 341).

m. Aug. 2, 1796 (SMch: v. 4, No. 131), Isabelle Duhon, d/o Francois Duhon and Isabel Landry.

H. Christina, b. Nov. 14, 1783 (SMch: v. 2, No. 140). d. 1818 (SMch).

m. Michel Ellender of Pa.

I. Pierre, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. Dec. 3, 1805 (SMch: v. 4, No. 46), Françoise Algrot (Hargrove), d/o Benjamin Hargrove and Catherine Galmond.

J. Marguerite, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. June 1, 1819 (SMch: v. 6, No. 147), Siméon Vincent, s/o Pierre Vincent and Catherine Galmond.

K. Joseph, b. Feb. 12, 1790 (SMch: v. 4, No. 413).

m. Jan. 27, 1818 (SMch: v. 6, No. 83), Perosine Duhon, d/o Firmin Duhon and Marie Trahan.

1. Joseph, b. Feb. 8, 1821 (SMch: v. 7, No. 1113).

2. Aladin, b. Nov. 28, 1831 (Laf. ch: v. 4, No. 61).

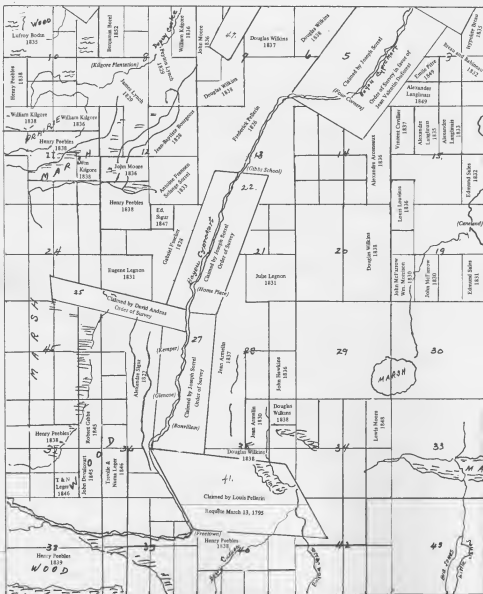
m. \_\_\_\_ Amelie Bertrand.

a. Clemence, b. Nov. 22, 1861 (Abb. ch: v. 2, p. 60).

b. Dermelise, b. \_\_\_\_.

m. 1894 (Jennings ch: v. 1, p. 74), Celima LeBlanc, d/o Nalorin Leblanc and Thasie Richard.





# EARLY SETTLEMENT OF T.14S., R.8E. OF ST. MARY PARISH



By Gertrude C. Taylor

The northwest corner of Township 14 South, Range 8 East of St. Mary Parish touches the Iberia-St. Mary Parish line at a point where the coastal marsh begins. Its northeast corner lies in the Jeanerette Oil and Gas Field south of the old Adeline Station. Approximately half the area of this township is usable or cultivable; the remainder is woodland or marshland traversed by myriad bayous and dotted with nameless lakes. Through this inconsistency of nature runs a twisting ridge that extends from the higher lands through the township and eventually to Vermilion Bay and divides the marshlands into Weeks Bay on the west and West Cote Blanche Bay on the east. And through this ridge meanders a bayou appropriately named Bayou Cypremort (Dead Cypress).

Earliest occupant of land in the township was probably Joseph Sorrel, who received at an early date a grant of 992.16 acres of land on the west side of Bayou Teche. On this tract, about 20 arpents from Bayou Teche began a small coulee that gathered itself into the larger stream known as Bayou Cypremort. Sorrel, in time, claimed the preemptive land and then the lands along Bayou Cypremort to the point where he ran into another early settler, Louis Pellerin, who had filed for the right to settle in 1795, and also another, young David Andrus, son of Benjamin Andrus who had bought land on Bayou Teche in 1794.

Not until 1826, when sale of public land in that township opened, did anyone else own or occupy land there. First to buy from the public domain was Frederick Pellerin, grabbing up the last usable land along the bayou in 1826. In 1828 Gabriel Fuselier bought land as close to the bayou as he could get, and the next year the Lynches of Virginia (Peyton and his son James) bought in sections 8 and 12. (This land later became part of Kilgore Plantation.)

During the 1830s purchase of public land was heaviest, with buyers choosing from the highest and most cultivable lands to those lying in woods or marshes. Last public land sale in the township before the Civil War was in 1852, and the remaining lands, far less attractive for cultivation, and the swamp or marshlands, suitable only for trapping and timber, were not sold until the end of the nineteenth century or the early part of the next.

# 1792 ORDINANCES FOR CATTLE BRANDING AND SLAUGHTER

By Jacqueline K. Voorhies

Most early Louisiana cattle were obtained from the Spanish colonies of the West Indies, Mexico, and Florida.<sup>1</sup> From the very beginning, in order to protect this precious industry and to discourage abuses, the raising and slaughtering of cattle was closely monitored by the French authorities. In 1716 the French governor and the ordonnateur of the colony promulgated a set of rules regarding the killing of animals. To slaughter an animal belonging to another, without his consent, was a crime punishable by law and a fine of fifty pistoles was to be levied upon the perpetrator.<sup>2</sup> In order to prove and insure ownership, the practice of branding, learned from the Spanish, was customary among the cattle owners. *The Brand Book for the Districts of Attakapas and Opelousas, 1760-1888* attests to the fact that some of the earliest brands date back to 1739.<sup>3</sup> In the years that followed French governors issued several ordinances regulating the slaughter of domestic animals and the price of meat. In 1748, and in the next three years, an epidemic attacked the cattle and greatly diminished the herds. In 1749, in order to keep the colony self-sufficient in meat, a new ordinance was issued prohibiting the killing of cows and heifers. Farmers were urged to keep as many animals on their land as the land could sustain. By 1762 the price of meat had increased considerably.<sup>4</sup>

Over the years meat continued to be a precious commodity. In 1765 Governor Aubry, writing to Minister of the Navy Choleseul-Stainville, notes the arrival in the colony of several Acadian families he "proposes to settle in the Attakapas district, where there are admirable prairies, and he foresees the establishment of large *vacheries* which will eventually provide New Orleans with all the necessary meat."<sup>5</sup> As predicted by Mr. Aubry, the cattle industry flourished under Acadian management.

In 1770, during the Spanish period, Governor Alexander O'Reilly issued additional laws governing land grants, stock-fencing, and branding. These laws targeted mainly the districts of Opelousas, Attakapas, and Natchitoches, where large herds of cattle were raised. Branding laws were quite specific, reading, in part, as follows: "All cattle shall be branded by the proprietors; and those who shall not have branded them at the age of eighteen months cannot thereafter claim any property."<sup>6</sup>

While the majority of the owners obeyed the rules, abuses continued to exist. Neglect on the part of the owner who did not brand his animals or waited too long to brand them and simple thievery appeared to have been some of the main problems. In a letter dated September 7, 1782, and addressed to Mr. De Clouet, Estevan Miro wrote about such abuses as that reported by two Choctaw Indians who complained to the governor about a certain Manuel whom,

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1. Lauren C. Post, *From the Prairies of Southwest Louisiana* (Baton Rouge, La., 1962), p. 39.

2. N. M. Miller Surrey, *The Commerce of Louisiana during the French Period, 1699-1763* (New York, 1916), pp. 250-51.

3. Post, *Cajun Sketches*, p. 40.

4. B. F. French, ed., *Historical Collections of Louisiana* (New York, 1976), V, 253-60.

5. Archives Nationales, Archives des Colonies, Subseries C 13a, volume 45, folios 47-52.

6. Post, *Cajun Sketches*, pp. 40-41.

they alleged, had stolen five of their horses. When confronted by the Indians, Manuel returned one of the horses and kept the other four, which he had branded with his own brand. Miro wanted this incident investigated, and, if Manuel proved to have stolen the horses, he wanted him imprisoned. If the latter, however, appeared to have committed a simple, honest error, he should be properly instructed in order to avoid such oversights in the future.<sup>7</sup> Since abuses had reached an almost epidemic stage in the Opelousas area, Nicolas Forstall, commander of the post issued the following proclamation on December 1, 1792.

Opelousas, December 1, 1792  
Don Nicolas Forstall, Magistrate, Lifetime Civil  
and Military Commandant of Opelousas

*Proclamation<sup>8</sup>*

For quite sometime now, we have received complaints regarding thefts and lack of respect for the property of others. Each and everyone, would like to be considered virtuous. Wrongdoings, however, have reached such a climax that it is quite obvious that not everyone is honest. Quite clearly, in some cases, the talented scoundrel puts his criminal wiles to good use. His doleful outcries are taken for the clamors of honesty, thus confusing the issue and at the same time safeguarding his blameless appearance. In order to rid society of this contagious disease, which is progressing so rapidly that nothing seems to stop it, we have ordered the following:

1. Under no circumstances, may one slaughter an animal large or small, (young sucklings excepted) unless the animal bears one's brand or the owner is present and consents to have the animal slaughtered. Prior to the slaughter and in order to protect oneself from any charges, one should have two unimpeachable witnesses present, sitting beside the mother, while the suckling is pulled away. If these proceedings are not observed, the slaughterer will be considered a thief, punished as such by way of a fine and subjected to public shame.

2. No one may slaughter either horned cattle or pigs, even if they bear one's brand unless two immediate neighbors are present. In their absence, one can summon other neighbors living further away. If for some reason, no one can come, the slaughter can take place, provided certain rules are observed and proof of ownership can be supplied. In order to be able to show the brand one should keep either the hide of the whole head, undamaged and not disfigured by any additional cuts. Unless the rule is observed, a penalty will be exacted for the value of the slaughtered animal as well as a penalty for the theft, if theft is proved.

The disadvantage of this ordinance is that not only does it injure the freed of honesty, but it also injures the honest man, victim of corruption. The honest man, however, should consider this less damaging since it will ultimately justify his innocence. Its purpose is to uncover the rascal and put a stop to all disorders. Rascals can neither be constrained nor humiliated. Whoever should utter the slightest murmur against this rule will only encourage ill thoughts.

3. Anyone who brands a newborn suckling animal of any kind not bearing the same brand as the mother will be considered a thief and incur the penalty for this offence. Exceptions will be made for large herds, when errors can be inadvertently committed. One will be given a grace period of eight days in order to identify one's own herd. If during this time, one

7. *Papeles Procedentes de Cuba*, Legajo A-356.

8. Translated from St. Martin Parish Original Acts, Book 12, no. 18.

discovers one's error, proper counter-branding of the animal must be done. If one goes over the grace period, whatever the excuse given, it will be considered null and void and the error punished in accordance with the ordinance.

4. As soon as a new born animal of any sort stops suckling its mother, it will be considered unknown or a stray. Consequently under any circumstances no one will have the right to brand it. The animal will be sold and the proceeds will be put in the public fund. Whoever would brand such an animal in order to insure ownership and the brand proves to be recent, notwithstanding the testimony of witnesses, such person will be fined 20 *piastres* and become suspicious of theft. The reasons for this rule are as follows: First, although an animal follows a particular female, it does not necessarily move that it belongs to that particular mother. Animals, like human beings, often establish friendship relations with one another. Second, thieves using such crafty devices in order to prove ownership will always find dishonest witnesses to testify in their behalf. Thus, crimes will be committed and therefore go unpunished.

*Third.* The negligent owner who does not brand his suckling animals in time, assuming he will always find them, is the cause of such disorders. It is therefore preferable that the many honest people who constitute society profit by it instead of the thief.

*Fourth.* This could become a deterrent to the rascal as well as to others who, by presuming that things can be acquired so easily, would follow such a bad example. *Fifth.* The owner will be more careful in the future since he stands to lose his property if he neglects to brand it in time. *Sixth.* Testimonies can be considered dubious and therefore null and void, since resemblances among animals are sometimes so perfect that errors can be made.

5. Except in the case of a proven stray, it is forbidden, no matter what the circumstances may be, to slaughter pigs or horned cattle either in the woods or on the prairies. The slaughter must be carried out in an enclosure in view of the house with two nearby *habitants*, as witnesses. Whoever violates this ordinance will be fined 20 *piastres*, will be suspected of theft, and, if found guilty of slaughtering someone else's animal, will be punished in accordance with the law.

6. In order to detect thieves, it is necessary to watch and keep an eye on one another and to take an accurate yearly census of all the animals. The use of such wise precautions, such as not being able to slaughter without a neighbor's knowledge, will allow us to determine the exact number of animals owned by each person, how many he consumed during the year, and how many animals she has left.

7. No one but the owner can skin a dead animal, even if only the owner chooses to ignore the death of the animal, does not skin the animal, and allows the hide to rot with the meat. Any one else can be accused of theft, and pay a fine which amounts to four times the value of the animal. This would make it more difficult to kill live animals under the pretext that they are dead. The owner of a dead animal bearing his brand has the right to bury it.

8. Merchants will be compelled to keep a register of all the brands of horned cattle they buy or take in payment, as well as of the persons delivering the cattle. In order to ascertain the origin of the cattle they (the merchants) will demand, at the time of delivery, that the deliverer put his mark on each as a property seal. Furthermore, to insure additional verification, they (the merchants) will be required to show the hides as well as the registers to any person authorized by us or to any of the *syndics*. Any hide not accounted for or disavowed by the deliverer will be confiscated for the benefit of the inspectors. In addition, they (the merchants) will be ordered to supply the inspectors with a copy of their register. This will allow us to determine at the proper time whether the registered hides have actually been delivered.

9. All owners of cattle will be obliged to inform their respective *syndics* of the particular brand which does not belong to them and of any animal which has become part of their herd. Moreover, when the master of his indentured servant brings the animal to his

rightful owner, he will inform him of the matter, thus providing him with suitable and incontrovertible testimony.

10. It was permissible up till now to drive away some of the cattle from the master's area. One can fetch or take one's animal for the purpose of helping it or leading it better. This can be done to prevent the animal from being separated from the herd or from some deceitful purpose. From now on, however, whoever is caught attempting to take an animal away from the herd other than his own and proved guilty will be held responsible. He will be forced to return the animal at his own expense and pay a fine of 2 *piastres* for each animal taken.

11. As of now, no herd will leave for Natchez, Pointe Coupée, Avoyelles or elsewhere without being inspected by an authorized person. Any person driving cattle who is at fault or is unable to prove ownership either by way of his own brand or the counterbrand of the one he acquired it from, will be considered guilty, and will be forced to make restitution, to pay a fine, and to be publicly defamed.

12. It is a well known fact that Indians do not own horned cattle. Therefore, any such hides offered by them [the Indians] will be considered stolen. In consequence, anyone proved guilty of having transacted in such hides will have these hides confiscated. In addition, he will pay a fine amounting to four times the value of the animal, and he will be accused of receiving stolen property and condoning theft.

These presents will be read, published and posted at the accustomed places of this post.<sup>9</sup>

Opelousas, December 1, 1792

Nicolas Forstall

<sup>9</sup>. St. Martin Parish Original Acts, Book 12, #13.

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636	Doucet, Marie, Wid. of Pierre Couvillier	December 1829
639	Dubuclet, Antoine, f.m.c.	January 1830
650	Ducrest, Laurent	July 1830
651	Decuir, Godefroy	August 1830
655	Doiron, Honorine, Wid. Francois Begnaud	October 1830
658	Decoux, Julie, Wid. of Louis Pellerin	November 1830
659	Decoux, Hilaire	December 1830
665	Delhomme, Charles	March 1831
669	Delagautrais, Marie Louise Celeste, Wid. F. Gonsoulin	April 1831
671	Dupuis, Jean-Baptiste	May 1831
672	Delaunay, Germain, Last Will	June 1831
682	Decuir, Jean Pierre	October 1831
683	Delahoussaye, Francois St. Cyr	October 1831
689	Darby, Pierre & Eulalie Dablon, f.m.c.	April 1832
690	Declouet, Arthemise & Francois St. Clair Benoist	May 1832
695	Darby, Marie Celeste, wife of Jos. Dubuclet	June 1832
698	Dugas, Marguerite, wife of Francois LeBlanc	August 1832
703	Dusuau, Balthazar	December 1832
712	DeBlanc, Cesaire	April 1833
717	Declouet, Neuville, Last Will	June 1833
724	Delahoussaye, Alex. Pelletier, appt. of tutor	July 1833
726	Derousselle, Nicholas, absentee, appt. of curator	August 1833
731	Delahoussaye, Charlotte Emerite, wife of Jac. Harry	August 1833
734	Dupuis, Pierre	September 1833
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761	Davis, Henry	July 1834
766	Declouet, Neuville, Last Will	August 1834
773	Darby, Jean	January 1835
793	Dugas, Eloi	December 30, 1835
797	DeBlanc, Maximilien Demeville	February 1, 1836
798	Declouet, Neuville, additional testament	March 4, 1836
823	Dumartrait, Marie Elizabeth	December 10, 1836
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837	Derbigny, Casimier	June 27, 1837
863	Derga, Maria Candelaria, Wid. of Antonio Dominguez	February 10, 1838
876	Dubuclet, Joseph	December 13, 1838
878bis	Declouet, Balthazar Neuville, Last Will	February 23, 1839
880	Darby, Marie Celeste, Wid. Jos. Dubuclet	March 15, 1839
881	Duperier, Frederick H.	March 23, 1839
888	Dubuclet, Antoine, f.m.c., sale of a tract of land	October 14, 1839
891	Dugas, Norbert	October 19, 1839
894	DeBlanc, Louis Eloy & Julie Hebert, his wife	November 14, 1839
902	Dufour, James H.	February 22, 1840
906	Dugas, Jean-Baptiste	April 20, 1840
909	Derousselle, Adelard	September 8, 1840
912	Dearborn, Richard	September 23, 1840
915	Declouet, Marie Charlotte, wife C. Chevalier Delhomme (Wid.)	November 11, 1840
918	Derouen, Marguerite, appt. of tutor to	November 21, 1840
922	Darby, Francois St. Marc	January 1, 1841
928	Dearborn, George	April 23, 1841
930	Delhomme, Alexandre	May 26, 1841
931	Delhomme, Alexandre B.	May 27, 1841
933	Darby, Marie Celeste, Wid. Jos. Dubuclet, Last Will	August 12, 1841
939	Delacroix, Francois D. D., appt. of tutor	November 19, 1841
940	Dautreuil, Alexandre, appt. of tutor	November 20, 1841
941	Duliepere, Jean-Baptiste	December 1, 1841
947	Dono, Auguste	February 5, 1842
948	Davidson, R.	February 8, 1842
949	Dehart, John	February 9, 1842
955	Doucet, Maurice	April 9, 1842
957	Doiron, Ursule & Jean Landry	May 7, 1842
987	Detlege, Nicholas, Last Will	July 7, 1842
994	Dominguez, Maria, Wid. Salvador Miguez	October 27, 1843
1002	Delhomme, Louise, Wid. Louise Trouard	November 21, 1843
1006	Delhomme, Antoine Dorsia	December 14, 1843
1013	Dugas, Suzanne, wife of Alex. Judice	February 1, 1844
1014	Delahoussaye, Cesaire	March 6, 1844
1023	Duthill, Eugene	July 8, 1844
1024	Delassire, Jean Valery	July 8, 1844
1028	Delhomme, Alfred, appt. of tutor	September 12, 1844
1039	Doiron, Jean-Charles	January 30, 1845
1064	Dugas, Marie Arthemise, wife of V. Labauve	October 26, 1845
1066	Dominguez, Henriette Augustine, wife of J. Taley,	October 26, 1845
1068	Declouet, Balthazar Neuville	December 13, 1845
1077	Dauterive, Joseph Valiere	January 24, 1846
1092	DeBlanc, Chalinette, f.w.c.	April 18, 1846
1093	Dugas, Marie	April 21, 1846
1104	Decuir, Aspasie, Alcide, Maximilien & Clarco appt curator	August 18, 1846
1105	Dugas, Valerier, appt. of tutor	August 26, 1846



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1111	Domengeaux, Jean-Francois	October 14, 1846
1122	Doucet, Rosalie, appt. of tutor	February 25, 1847
1132	Dyer, Samuel, f.m.c., last will	May 7, 1847
1142	Decuir, Evariste, Last Will	September 20, 1847
1143	Decuir, Alzire, Last Will	September 20, 1847
1144	Devalcourt, Theodore	October 14, 1847
1151	Delahoussaye, Theogene	November 3, 1847
1163	Dugan, Robert	February 3, 1848
1169	Decuir, Marie Stephanie, f.w.c., wife of B. Decuir	March 23, 1848
1170	Denyer, William	April 1, 1848
1175	Derouen, Marie, wife of Thomas Miguez	April 24, 1848
1201	Derouen, Joseph	December 26, 1848
1204	Dugas, Bazile	December 6, 1840
1208	Dautreuil, Louis, Jr.	March 4, 1848
1220	David, Paul, Sr.	May 1, 1849
1229	Derouen, Marguerite, Wid. Jn. Bapt. Berard	July 11, 1840
1230	Delahoussaye, Theodule	July 24, 1849
1233	Dugas, Ulinor Elci. Emancipation.	April 26, 1849
1239	Dugas, Louis. Emancipation.	December 10, 1849
1245	Dupre, Marie Eugenie, wife of Ad. Richard	February 6, 1850
1250	Dupuis, Elise (see nos. 1307 & 1851)	February 5, 1850
1299	Derouen, Julie, wife of Francois Bourriague	August 11, 1851
1302	Dupre, Antoine	September 11, 1851
1304	Delhomme, Antoine Billon	September 15, 1851
1305	Dugas, Elmiere, wife of Adolphe Bernard	September 18, 1851
1307	Dupuis, Elisee (see nos. 1250 & 1850)	September 24, 1851
1317	Dautreuil, Louis, Sr.	February 17, 1852
1320	Dugas, Azelle, confirming tutor	March 8, 1852
1328	Dillon, Mary E., wife of Thomas Burns	April 6, 1852
1326	Dugas, St. Cyr. Emancipation	March 30, 1852
1331	Dubois, Theophile	June 25, 1852
1340	Derouen, Marcelienne, wife of Sylv. Louviere	November 25, 1852
1354	Doucet, Mathilde, Wid. Alex. Melancon	January 26, 1853
1365	Dupuis, Charles	April 23, 1853
1367	Doucet, M. A. Adelaide, Wid. Hypolite Dupuis	April 26, 1853
1376	Duchene, Guillaume	June 25, 1853
1392	Decuir, Maximilien	November 17, 1853
1394	Decuir, Marie Celme, wife of Louis Founies	November 26, 1853
1399	Delaportes, Leontine, Wid. Francois	December 21, 1853
1416	Durio, Alexandre	March 23, 1854
1434	Dodet, Alexandre	August 28, 1854
1441	DeBlanc, Charles Despanet	October 12, 1854
1475	Dumartrait, Adrien	July 24, 1855
1489	Decuir, Evariste	November 16, 1855
1504	Ducrest, Joseph Laurent	December 15, 1855

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1506	Dupuis, Sylvanie, wife of Olivier T. Thibodeaux	December 20, 1855
1518	Durio, Drauzin & Clarie Semere	February 21, 1856
1520	DeBlanc, Corinne, wife of Desire Berard	February 22, 1856
1521	Delhomme, Christophe Chevalier	March 1, 1856
1537	Delahoussaye, Auguste	July 22, 1856
1542	Doucet, Seraphine, wife of Dalcide Guidry	Sept. 3, 1856
1544	Degreyter, Ange	September 17, 1856
1548	Delahoussaye, Marie Hersilie, wife of C. B. Bienvenu	November 28, 1856
1558	Devin, Eugene	February 28, 1857
1561	Declouet, Francisque, f.m.c.	March 26, 1857
1564	DeBlanc, Despanet Jean Baptiste	May 11, 1857
1568	Doucet, Fernin Belizaire	July 9, 1857
1583	Delahoussaye, Floirska, wife of Ore Delahoussaye	December 18, 1857
1600	Dautreuil, Louis Alexandre. Emancipation.	March 27, 1858
1606	Darby, Marie Lodiska, wife of Ld. J. Smith	May 31, 1858
1613	Doucet, Ursin	August 14, 1858
1623	Dugas, Maximilien Desire. Emancipation.	June 4, 1859
1629	DeBlanc, Louis Despanet	April 23, 1859
1631	Dupuy, Alexandre	May 23, 1859
1638	Doiron, Lucie Wid. Jean Melancon	June 9, 1859
1650	Dugas, Louis	July 12, 1859
1661	Dugas, Thelispore	December 4, 1859
1663	Desey, Coralie, Wid. E. Cheveau	January 13, 1860
1665	Doumenge, Claire	January 11, 1860
1666	Dugas, Erasie. Emancipation.	January 26, 1860
1669	Dugas, Felicite Eleonore. Emancipation.	April 7, 1860
1702	Decuir, Marie, f.w.c., wife of Pierre Orso	October 26, 1860
1718	Duhon, Perosine	February 27, 1861
1722	Detiege, Noel. Last Will & Testament	May 11, 1861
1724	Decuir, Balthazar, f.m.c.	May 21, 1861
1725	Derongau, Marie Clorinde, wife of Alex. Melancon	May 23, 1861
1728	Dupuis, Celeste, Wid. Jean-Charles. Guilbeau	June 8, 1861
1738	Dally, Magloire	December 4, 1861
1740	Dugas, Treville & Selimene Broussard, his wife	December 24, 1861
1749	Dautreuil, Jean-Baptiste	May 20, 1862
1756	Droz, Louise, f.w.c., wife of Abst, f.m.c.	September 10, 1862
1778	Delahoussaye, Alexandre	January 19, 1863
1779	Derouen, Desire	January 29, 1863
1781	Devalcourt, John	February 3, 1863
1785	Dugas, Derneville Edward	February 6, 1863
1786	Dugas, Erasie, daughter of Aurelien Dugas	February 8, 1863
1791	Dupuis, Marie Adreline, wife of Joseph Angele	March 2, 1863
1792	Dupuis, Drauzin Maurice	March 2, 1863
1800	Delahoussaye, Alexandre	June 11, 1863
1803	Delhomme, Estelle Olympe, wife of Theogene Richard	July 14, 1863
1832	Dugas, Marguerite Olympe, wife of Alc. Decuir	September 1864

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1833	Decuir, Ferjus	September 7, 1864
1838	Dorsey, Henry	October 22, 1864
1845	Dugas, Marguerite Odile, wife of Adolphe Segura	February 9, 1865
1849	Dugas, Rosalie, wife of Leonard Ransonnet	March 10, 1865
1866	Delacroix, Joseph Dusueau	August 22, 1865
1878	Derouen, Lezin	September 18, 1865
1884	Dugas, Mozard	September 29, 1865
1910	Dupuis, Marie. Last Will & Testament	January 13, 1866
1914	Dugas, Eloy	January 29, 1866
1918	Decuir, Helaire	February 3, 1866
1920	DeBlanc, Constance, Wid. St. Marc Darby	February 19, 1866
1921	Dupuis, Irma, wife of Bernard Saraille	February 26, 1866
1935	Dugas, Aristide. Emancipation	March 27, 1866
1936	Delahoussaye, Edward, f.m.c.	April 23, 1866
1954	DeBlanc, Amelie	June 4, 1866
1953	Decuir, Louis, f.m.c.	June 13, 1866
1958	Darby, Aspasie, wife of Leopold Smith	June 19, 1866
1981	Duthil, Pierre	September 12, 1866
1993	Dugas, Octavie, wife of Jerome Taylor	October 9, 1866
2008	Dugas, Ermina, wife of Bruno Broussard	October 9, 1866
2019	Decuir, Alex., wife of Louis C. DeBlanc	July 14, 1867
2030	Dugas, Ovide	October 1867
2037	DeBlanc, St. Denis	November 1867
2059	Dugas, Aristide & Alex. decuir, his wife	November 1867
2070	Dugas, Leonard	December 1867
2086	Doucet, Felicianne, wife of Alcee Judice	December 1867
2100	Dugas, Darnas & Aglae Castille, his wife	December 1867
2104	Doucet, Aurelien	January 1868
2110	Doiron, Jean Baptiste	January 1868
2111	Decuir, Emile	January 1868
2114	Dick, John	January 1868
2118	DeBlanc, Clara, Wid. Chas. Dr. DeBlanc	January 1868
2119	Decuir, Auzer	March 1868
2124	Dejean, Anais, wife of Louis Fournet	March 1868
2126	Dupuy, Hypolite	March 1868
2130	Derousselle, Norbert	March 1868
2133	Dugas, Emilie, wife of Camille Hebert	March 1868
2145	DeBlanc, Marie Louis Marthe, Wid. Neuville Declouet	June 1868
2164	Dugas, Feliciano, wife of Aleide Dugas	December 1868
2171	Delahoussaye, Elizabeth, wife of Jos. Landry	January 1869
2177	Dore, Hubald	March 1869
2189	Dupuy, Marguerite Marie, wife of Dule Guidry	August 1869
2190	Dongrois, Francois	August 1869
2220	Declouet, Marie Louise & Chas. Lastrapes	October 8, 1870
2222	Durand, Chas., Sr.	December 5, 1870
2225	Doche, Jacques Marie	December 23, 1870

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2244	Dugas, Ophelia, wife of Alphonise Guilbeau	December 27, 1871
2249	Durand, Chas., Jr.	March 12, 1872
2263	Delacroise, Marie Francoise Dusau, Wid. J. B. Dte. DeBlanc	January 2, 1872
2266	Duthel, Charles	February 17, 1873
2265	Delahoussaye, Ore. Tax Coll. appt. of cur. & hoe.	June 1873
2295	Dupre, Pierre	December 21, 1874
2321	Duclozel, Chas. Omer	October 5, 1875
2324	Dugas, Aurore Bernard, wife of St. Cyr Dugas	October 25, 1875
2329	Dauphine, Godefroy	November 27, 1875
2331	Daigle, Maximilien & Oliva Caillier	December 6, 1875
2339	Delelis, O. L.	March 29, 1876
2343	Doiron, Cyprien	July 19, 1876
2358	Dupre, J. B.	May 11, 1877
2365	Duchamp, Eug. A. Demand of tutorship Eugenie Aubry	August 20, 1877
2380	Daigle, Joseph	February 21, 1878
2387	Doiron, Gerard	July 19, 1878
2402	Derousselle, George. Emancipation.	January 25, 1879
2405	Dwyer, William	February 8, 1879
2406	Dejean, Duprelon & wife, Anne Pellerin	February 11, 1879
2411	Domingue, Anatolie	March 8, 1879
2424	DeBlanc, Edgard	June 21, 1879
2435	Degryter, Felix. Demand of tutorship.	October 20, 1879
2437	Delahoussaye, Ernest	December 26, 1879
2439	Delahoussaye, St. Cyr	January 16, 1880
2449	Daugereau, Henry	April 5, 1880
2455	Delahoussaye, Oneziphore, Jr.	July 8, 1880
2456	Detiese, Odile, Wid. J. B. Dupre	July 14, 1880
2458	Dick, Valsin	August 22, 1880
2459	Delahoussaye, Oneziphore, Sr.	August 30, 1880
2472	DeBlanc, Ralph, curator ad hoc to N. R. & unknown	January 6, 1881
2482	Daigle, Numa	March 26, 1881
2488	Durand, C. C. Appt. of tutor to Juliette.	June 20, 1881
2475	Duplechin, Marcelite & Zenon Duplechin	June 18, 1881
2494	Durand, Toussaint, appt. of tutor	August 31, 1881
2500	Derousselle, Eliza	October 5, 1881
2508	Declouet, Marie Charlotte, Wid. C. C. Delhomme	November 7, 1881
2521	Delaurel, David	July 10, 1882
2573	DeBlanc, Alcibiade	January 9, 1884
2593	Dangereau, Henri & Laure Mason	September 8, 1884
2613	Duthel, Victoire, Wid. Jacob Fridley	March 24, 1885
2615	Domengeaux, J. Selrve	April 8, 1885
2626	Duchamp, Eugene David. Emancipation.	July 1, 1885
2634	Dejean, Elizabeth, wife of Damonville Dejean	October 12, 1885
2638	Dupuis, Leon, Sr.	November 14, 1885
2671	Dore, Leontine, wife of Adam Melancon	November 16, 1886
2683	Ducrest, Euphrosine, wife of David Gayarre, also deceased.	April 13, 1887

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2684	DeBlanc, M. Corinne, appt. of tutrix to her unnamed child.	May 27, 1887
2689	Dittman, Henry J.	July 28, 1887
2691	Dugas, Alphonse	August 4, 1887
2696	Delahoussaye, Richard. Interdiction.	September 21, 1887
2726	Derouen, Adeline, wife of Duprelon Lopez	December 10, 1888
2730	Dupuis, Cephalide, wife of Aug. Ledorise	January 4, 1889
2734	Dupuis, Valerin	January 29, 1889
2753	Dugas, Alfred & Josette Hebert, his wife	September 30, 1889
2777 1/2	Duthel, Celestine, Wid. William Parcel	September 12, 1889
2785	Dugas, Hortenese, Wid. Hervillien Bernard	January 20, 1891
2798	David, Henry	June 5, 1891
2816	Denis, Hypolite & Joseph, appt. of tutrix & c.	January 2, 1892
2822	Dupuy, Dominique	June 8, 1892
2824	DeBlanc, Alcibiade & Mathilde Briant, wife	June 14, 1892
2840	Dohmann, Godfritz	January 26, 1893
2841	Duplechin, Paul. Emancipation.	February 6, 1893
2843	Dangereau, Alcee Marie, wife of L. H. Bernard	March 8, 1893
2846	Dauphine, Aurelia. Interdiction.	April 11, 1893
2854	Derousselle, Malvina, wife of Emile Barras	November 16, 1893
2855	Derousselle, Adlor	November 18, 1893
2864	Dupuis, Joel	March 21, 1894
2870	Declouet, Joseph Alexandre	April 16, 1894
2872	DeBlanc, Felicianne, wife of Albert Martin	May 10, 1894
2878	Decuir, Desirre, Wid. Edward Delahoussaye	July 24, 1894
2900	Dourant, Jean-Charles	April 18, 1895
2904	Darien, Widow	September 13, 1895
2908	Dautreuil, Amelie & Jos. Haines, Jr.	October 16, 1895
2924	David, Hervillien, Jr.	June 8, 1896
2936	Domengeaux, Jos. Silliverie	October 1, 1896
2940	Dore, Sevigne	November 6, 1896
2945	Dugas, Joseph V.	January 1, 1897
2948	DeBlanc, Alice, Wid. Paul Chouneau	February 23, 1897
2960	Dugas, Leus	September 25, 1897
2967	Dugas, Alfred. Emancipation.	January 3, 1898
2975	Dupuis, Arthur	April 21, 1898
2978	Delhomme, Alexandre	June 27, 1898
2991	Declouet, Roselia, Wid. of Camille Orsot	December 9, 1898
2994	Dressel, Marie Alexandrine Alexandre	January 27, 1899
3001	Delahoussaye, Louis	May 3, 1899
3011	Duplain, Francois Justin	December 1, 1899
3037	Dugas, Leonard. Emancipation.	October 6, 1900
3038	Delahoussaye, Marie Louise	October 9, 1900

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15	Elie. Inventory	February 1808
25	Etie, Antonie	July 1808

ESTATE NO.	NAME	YEAR OPENED
807	Eastin, William B.	June 18, 1836
944	Etie, Joachim. Appt. of tutor.	September 7, 1841
1172	Elbeau, Edward	April 10, 1848
1283	Elle, f.m.c.	March 4, 1851
1630	Ensigne, M. B.	May 7, 1859
1759	Etie, Drauzin	September 25, 1862
2034	Euneau, Pierre Urbain	November 12, 1867
2066	Etienne, Jules G.	November 27, 1867
2287	Eastin, Richard T.	July 16, 1874
2426	Elbeau, Emilie	July 19, 1879
2501	Eastin, Felix Joseph	October 4, 1881
2955	Eastin, Louise	August 13, 1897
2957	Edwards, Lewis	September 6, 1897
3010	Eugene, Jules	October 21, 1899

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14	Fletcher, Thomas. Inventory.	February 1808
106	Freeman, William	January 1812
162	Francois, Mulatre	July 1814
221	Fastein, Francois	November 1815
251	Franc, Jean. Last Will.	November 1816
293	Fontenette, Jacques. Last Will.	May 1818
337	Fruscas, Jean-Pierre	September 1819
364	Foot, Samuel	June 1820
372	Foreman, Marguente, appt. of curator	August 1820
384	Fuselier, Gabriel	December 1820
420	Frederick, Sylvain & his wife	October 1821
463	Fostin, Jacques	November 1822
505	Fostin, Francoise, wife of Jacques Derouen	March 1824
601	Flambert, Charles	August 1828
628	Firth, Samuel Homes	September 1829
639	Frlot, Claude. Last Will.	February 1830
681	Francois, Raymond	October 1831
716	Foster, Thomas	June 1853
735	Fuselier, Gabriel, appt. of tutor	June 1853
742	Fuselier, Gabriel, Jr.	October 1853
851	Fuselier, Ludger Adolphe	November 3, 1837
872	Forget, Antony	September 21, 1838
901	Fontenette, Charles, f.m.c.	February 13, 1840
945	Fuselier, Agricole, Jr., Extract public sale of	January 22, 1842
998	Fuselier, Jules G.	November 6, 1843
1067	Fenwick, Alexandre Leo	December 12, 1845
1089	Foster, Geo. W.	March 31, 1846
1094	Fontenette, Louise, f. w. c.	April 22, 1846
1209	Fagette, Bernard	March 27, 1849
1237	Frlot, Aspasie, f. w. c., wife of Azema Francois	November 13, 1849
1300	Fournier, Andre, f.m.c.	August 18, 1851

ESTATE NO.	NAME	YEAR OPENED
1472	Fausette, Daniel R.	August 8, 1855
1503	Frederick, John. Last Will.	December 14, 1855
1528	Fullon, Joseph	April 30, 1856
1622	Fontenette, Jacques	December 30, 1858
1644	Foster, Ann Eliza Wid. Irwin Armstrong. Will.	June 28, 1859
1711	Foumet, Gerard P.	November 29, 1860
1883	Frederick, Charles, pere	September 25, 1865
1898	Fuller, Emelius Wood	December 8, 1865
1908	Frederick, Jean-Charles, fils	January 15, 1866
1933	Fogarty, Mathew	March 22, 1866
1946	Farmer, Alcee. Emancipation.	May 12, 1866
1966	Foy, Domingue	July 20, 1866
1977	Foumet, Louis	August 30, 1866
2000	Flentze, Caroline, wife of W. G. Doucet	January 2, 1867
2045	Fourcade, Francois	November 15, 1867
2115	Fenwick, Joseph	February 12, 1868
2160	Fremin, Auguste	November 12, 1868
2185	Foumier, Louis	July 1, 1869
2186	Fuselier, Gabriel	March 22, 1870
2206	Fuselier, Allain, freedman	March 22, 1870
2242	Fontenette, Auguste	November 29, 1871
2256	French, R. F. F., Mrs.	May 29, 1872
2269	Flynn, Catherine, wife of Marie B. Clement	June 26, 1873
2277	Francoise. Estate of	November 18, 1873
2355	Frank, Joseph	March 17, 1877
2361	Fontenette, Caroline, wife of Philip Wiltz	July 9, 1877
2377	Foumier, Esteve (alias Charles)	February 18, 1878
2404	Frederick, Mary Landry, wid. of John	January 3, 1870
2425	Foumet, Valsin Antonie	July 5, 1879
2427	Foumet, Joseph Briant. Emancipation	July 19, 1879
2452	Foumier, Eugene John. Emancipation	May 14, 1880
2469	Falcon, Mathias	December 6, 1880
2547	Fabre, Felicia & husb. Vileor Vallot	April 12, 1883
2572	Fontenette, Eudolie	January 5, 1884
2574	Foumet, Beauregard L. Emancipation.	January 29, 1884
2576	Freeman, Elizabeth, Wid. R. Tennessee	February 5, 1884
2602	Fontenette, Elise	December 10, 1884
2622	Fontenette, Valsin	June 13, 1885
2624	Fontenette, Angelle, wife of Marcel Francois	June 17, 1885
2639	Fridley, Jacob	November 19, 1885
2640	Fontenette, Rosita, wife of Martin Briant	November 30, 1885
2699	Foumier, Louis	December 17, 1887
2783	Fuselier, Virginie	December 3, 1890
2807	Fennessee, Mary C., Wid. Jas. S. Robertson	August 14, 1891
2819	Fontenette, Octavie, Wid. R. T. Eastin	March 28, 1892
2856	Faulk, John R.	December 20, 1893

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## ST. LANDRY PARISH JUDGES\*

*Contributed by Keith Fontenot*

NAME	DISTRICT	YEARS
Lewis, Seth	5th Superior Court	1807-35
Bullard, Henry Adams	6th Superior District	1824-30
Overton, John H.	7th and 15th Judicial Districts	1828-52
Johnston, John H.		1831-33
Wilson, E. H.	7th Judicial District	1836-41
Boyce, Henry	6th Judicial District	1837-45
King, George R.	5th Judicial District	1842-45
Campbell, James G.		1843-
Voorhies, C.	14th Judicial District	1846-48
Cushman, Ralph	13th Judicial District	1846-52
Dupre, Lucius J.	15 Judicial District	1853-57
Martel, B. A.	15th Judicial District	1858-60
Simon, Edward, Jr.	14th Judicial District	1859-
Mouton, C. H.	8th Judicial District	1860-64
Balley, A.		1864-67
Porter, Joseph M.	8th Judicial District	1867-70
King, John E.	8th Judicial District	1870-72
Garland, Henry L.	Acting Judge	1872-
Dupre, Laurent	Acting Judge	1873-
Morgan, John J.	8th Judicial District	1873-77
Hudspeth, George W.	13th Judicial District (acting judge 1871)	1877-87
Estlette, E. D.	13th Judicial District	1887-88
Lewis, Edward Taylor		1888-92
Perrault, William Charles	11th Judicial District	1892-96
Dupre, Gilbert L.	11th Judicial District	1896-1900
Lewis, Edward Taylor		1900-08
Perrault, William Charles	11th Judicial District	1908-09
Edwards, William P.	Acting Judge, 11th Judicial District	1909-
O'Neil, Charles A.	Acting Judge	1909-
Pavy, Benjamin H.	16th Judicial District	1910-36
Gullory, Isom J., Sr.	27th Judicial District	1936-41
Boagni, Kenneth, Sr.	27th Judicial District	1941-48
Gardiner, Lessley P.	27th Judicial District, Division A (created 1958)	1948-72
Mocsa, R. Nolan	27th Judicial District, Division B	1958-67
LaHaye, Joseph A.	27th Judicial District, Division B	1964-
Pavy, Henry Garland	27th Judicial District, Division A	1972-
Guillory, Isom J., Jr.	27th Judicial District, Division C	1972-
Brinkman, Robert	27th Judicial District, Division D	1983-

\*Information from Minute Books.



# WILLIAM O'DONEGAN: PIONEER SETTLER AND TRADESMAN OF VILLE PLATTE

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Ville Platte, the parish seat of present-day Evangeline Parish, Louisiana, was incorporated in 1858. Before then, it was a part of St. Landry Parish. This change occurred after the death of Marcelin Garand (1781-1852), an early leader in the movement to incorporate the Ville Platte settlement. Garand, a Napoleonic veteran, had come to the area about 1820 and had acquired much of the land that later lay within the corporate limits of the new town. He kept a tavern on the Opelousas-Alexandria road that ran through his land. In 1842, he secured the establishment of a post-office there, serving as first postmaster of Ville Platte until his death in 1852. Because of his efforts on behalf of the community, Marcelin Garand is commonly known as "the father of Ville Platte."<sup>1</sup>

Garand, however, built on the efforts of William O'Donegan, an earlier pioneer settler and tradesman of the Ville Platte area. Initially, O'Donegan had acquired during Spanish times a 1,200-arpent tract that included much of the area later incorporated within the Ville Platte limits on which he had established a livery stable and blacksmith shop (a two-story wooden building still standing in 1905) on the Alexandria-Opelousas public road, at what is now the intersection of Ville Platte's Main Street (U. S. Highway 167) with Chatagnier Street (La. Highway 29). O'Donegan's business premises became a stopping place for travelers on the Opelousas-Alexandria public road. Cesar Hanchett and Samuel Laughlin set up a blacksmith and leathersmith shop across the road, and a small settlement (later Ville Platte) came into being when other tradesmen and settlers established themselves near O'Donegan's trade center.<sup>2</sup> O'Donegan died in 1809. After several intervening transactions, Garand acquired much of the O'Donegan Ville Platte property in the 1820s.

In the surviving records of the Spanish Opelousas post, William O'Donegan first appears on October 2, 1785, when, for cash, he purchased from Jacob Schnell land in Grande Prairie having ten arpents front (on a bayou) by the usual depth (40 arpents).<sup>3</sup> O'Donegan had probably just arrived in the Opelousas area, since he does not appear on the 1785 Spanish census of the

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1. R. Gahn, *The Opelousas Country* (Baton Rouge, La., 1972), pp. 41-44; "The Tale Told of Those Pioneers Who Settled Ville Platte 130 Years Ago," *Ville Platte* (La.) *Gazette*, July 2, 1832; "Postmasters of Town," Centennial Issue, *Ville Platte Gazette*, September 18, 1958, p. 5; "Who Was Marcelin Garand?," *Ville Platte Gazette*, September 18, 1958, p. 33; "Ville Platte History," *Ville Platte Gazette*, September 18, 1958, p. 47.

2. M. R. Fontenot, *Ville Platte in Retrospect* (Ville Platte, La., 1984), p. 4; Smith, "William O'Donegan," *La Voix des Prairies*, II, No. 1 (Winter, 1981), p. 9.

3. Louisiana State Archives, St. Landry Parish Colonial Documents (hereinafter cited as LSAR-Opelousas), October 2, 1783, Land sale from Jacob Schnell to William Donegan. This land was described as ten arpents frontage with ordinary depth situated in the Grande Prairie; with Schnell's title originating from Charles Viger who had acquired it from Laurent Dupré; and as bounded on one side by Auguste Soléau and on the other by the king's domain.

Although this land was in the Spanish Grand Prairie district, its description of title as emanating from Charles Viger seems to negate it as part of O'Donegan's holdings at the time of this death in 1809-10. His Grand Prairie tract (including much of present-day Ville Platte) that he owned at the time of his death was purchased from Boisdoré. See below, note 23. No Spanish or American record has been found referring to O'Donegan's ownership of the tract described in the text, unless it was the property in the Bayou Petite Passe area (some four miles northeast of present-day Ville Platte) described in an 1814 affidavit as having been initially occupied by O'Donegan. See the text of note 37.

This ten-arpent tract in Grand Prairie may be the one described as mortgaged by him in 1790 (see the text of note 15), perhaps the original location of his blacksmith shop later located on its site in present-day Ville Platte when O'Donegan acquired it in 1795. See the text of note 23.

Opelousas post,<sup>4</sup> nor on the militia list of July 30, 1785.<sup>5</sup> O'Donegan ("Donegham") does appear in the Grand Prairie district in the Spanish 1788 census of Opelousas.<sup>6</sup> As enumerated, only one male (in the 15-50 age group) is in his household; he owns 20 cattle, 1 horse, and 20 arpents frontage. His birth date is thus placed as after 1739. The indications are also that he migrated into the Opelousas area without family, but with some capital.

On September 22, 1792, O'Donegan ("Guillaume Donigent") was married to Marie "Rule" in the St. Landry Catholic Church at Opelousas.<sup>7</sup> The record contains no notation of the parentage or origin of the spouses, but it does contain (translated from the Spanish) the information that "both widowed and living in this parish" and that "both have proof of death of former spouses." This latter suggests that both spouses had been widowed after they came to the Opelousas area (or, at least, to Louisiana). The baptisms of two of the children of this couple show William's parentage as Daniel "Donigens" (O'Donegan) and Maria \_\_\_\_\_ (surname not shown), and the parentage of the mother as Andreas Charpes and Ana Noel.<sup>8</sup>

From information in other records and research in Pennsylvania based upon this information, we now know the origin and identity of O'Donegan's wife--variously known as "Maria Rule" (on the marriage and baptism of the first child), as "Maria Charpes" (on the baptisms of the next four children), and as "Mary Sharp" (in American records). She was Anna Maria Schorb, born ca. 1760-65 in Pennsylvania (of a German migrant and the daughter of a Lorraine immigrant). She was married in Pennsylvania first to Martin Rohr in 1779 and then (widowed) in 1781 to Frederick Ruhl ("Roule"). She (possibly with her husband) came to Louisiana some time after March 1788 (when her last known child of the second marriage was baptized in Pennsylvania) with at least two children (who alone of her Pennsylvania children surface in Spanish and American Opelousas-area records): Anthony Reed ("Ruh" in German), of the first marriage; and Nancy (Anna) Roule (gallicization of "Ruhl"), of the second marriage.<sup>9</sup>

Five children were born of the marriage of William O'Donegan and Mary "Sharp" (Schorb, Roule) and baptized at the Opelousas church: 1) Elena (Helen, Eleanor) (mother shown as "Maria Roule"), baptized September 22, 1792 (same day as her parents' marriage); and (all with mother shown as "Maria Charpes"); 2) Miguel (Michael), baptized November 20, 1796; 3) Maria, baptized November 20, 1796 (possibly a twin of Michael); 4) Daniel, b. April 19, 1799, baptized October 19, 1800; 5) Guillermo (William), baptized October 19, 1800.<sup>10</sup>

In the May, 1796 census of the Opelousas post, O'Donegan ("Wm. Danujan") is enumerated in the Bayou Chicot district (about ten miles north of present-day Ville Platte).<sup>11</sup>

4. Archivo General de Indias, Seville, Spain; Papeles Procedentes de Cuba (hereinafter cited as AGI-PPC), legajo 2360, "1785 Recensement LGeneral des Postes Atakapas et Opplousas," microfilm copy secured from Seville, Spain, in the writer's possession.

5. AGI-PPC, legajo 187A-2, "Militia Rolls for the Opelousas Post, July 30, 1785," as transcribed in Jacqueline K. Voorhies, comp., *Some Late Eighteenth Century Louisianians* (Lafayette, La., 1973).

6. Voorhies, *Louisianians*, pp. 321-35.

7. St. Landry Catholic Church, Opelousas, La (hereinafter cited as Opelousas Church), Book 1, p. 41.

8. Opelousas Church, baptisms of Daniel and William Donigens (O'Donegan), October 19, 1800, volume 1, pp. 234, 235.

9. These findings are based on the detailed research in the article by Mrs. Jane Klyng, "Mary Sharp ca. 1760-1837, Wife of William O'Donegan." See also Klyng, "Mary Sharp O'Donegan," *Louisiana Genealogical Register*, XXXII, No. 2 (June, 1985), 114-21.

10. Donald J. Hebert, comp., *Southwest Louisiana Records*, 29 vols. (Eunice, La., 1974-85), I, 177; G. DeVillier, *The Opelousas Post* (Cottonport, La., 1972), p. 45.

11. Voorhies, *Louisianians*, pp. 345-63.

This census enumerated persons in the household by gender and by age (1-15; 15 and over), as well as slaves (none in O'Donegan's holding), but it did not enumerate property. This May 1796 enumeration showed in O'Donegan's household: 1 man over 15 (i. e., William O'Donegan), 1 woman over 15 (i. e., Mary Sharp, his wife), 1 boy under 15 (i. e., either their son Michael, btzd. November 20, 1796, but more probably Anthony Rohr [Reed], b. 1780 [Pennsylvania records], William's stepson; 2 girls under 15 (i. e., his daughter, Elena [Helen, Elinor] O'Donegan, b. 1792, and either Mary O'Donegan, btzd. Nov. 20, 1796, or, more probably, Ann [Nancy] Roule [Ruhl], b. 1782 [Pennsylvania records], his step-daughter).

The circumstances of O'Donegan's temporary move to Bayou Chico from his Grande Prairie location are shown in the documentation by which, in American times, his heirs received American confirmation to the 1,200-arpent (1,015.54-acre) Chicot grant obtained by him on February 1, 1792.<sup>12</sup> He had obtained the grant to establish a *vacherie*, while he lived with John McDavid, and he had first built a camp of bark and boards on the property. He later moved his family up to Bayou Chicot, where they resided for two or three years. After O'Donegan returned to Ville Platte, however, the property was always regarded as his.

This Bayou Chicot acquisition (and several other land acquisitions to be described) have not survived in the colonial Opelousas records. In addition to his original 1785 ten-arpent acquisition in Grand Prairie previously described, O'Donegan surfaces only in three other calendared (to date) documents of this archival collection.

On July 27, 1789, O'Donegan ("William Donegan") and Noel LeVasseur appeared before Forstall, the Opelousas commandant, to dissolve a partnership between them in the operation of a blacksmith shop and to settle all of its affairs; Forstall appointed Juan Gradenigo and David LeJeune as arbiters.<sup>13</sup>

On December 29, the same year, LeVasseur complained to Commandant Nicolas Forstall that O'Donegan had refused to deliver to him 50 barrels of corn and 4 barrels of sweet potatoes ("patates"), in accordance with the decree of the arbitrators.<sup>14</sup> According to LeVasseur, O'Donegan had told him to get the crops from the field himself. LeVasseur also complained that, although the arbitrator had given him preference of receiving certain accounts due the smith (from Bundick, Archinard, Patrick (?-blotted), Jean Louis Fontenau, and Jacques Fontenau), totalling 57 piastres, O'Donegan had collected them and should reimburse him in that amount.

12. *American State Papers, Public Lands* (hereinafter cited as ASP) (Washington, D. C., 1834), III, 92, 112. Records of the Division of State Lands, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Baton Rouge (hereinafter cited as State Land Office), show this as Claim B-86 and as located in Section 53, Township 3 South, Range 2 East. An affidavit by R. P. Ferguson, Feb. 19, 1857 (taken in connection with the location of the tract by township and range--the 1806 survey had located the tract on the ground, but without ascription of section, township, and range), state that all the oldest inhabitants of the area recognized this as the O'Donegan land on the east bank of Bayou Chicot, thirty arpents frontage by forty arpents depth, which appeared "to have been a settlement or clearing on which he had seen the marks of cultivation of corn, tobacco, and other produce."

The claim was supported by depositions of Anthony Corkran (March 5, 1812) and John McDaniel (March 25, 1808). McDaniel and Corkran were among the Irish refugees from Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) who arrived in the Opelousas post area in mid-1790. See Glenn R. Conrad, "Friend or Foe? Reliquious Exiles at the Opelousas Post in the American Revolution," *Atlapapas Gazette*, X, No. 3 (Fall, 1977), 137-40. Research indications, as yet unverified, are that McDaniel, at least, was among the pro-Stuart Irish rebels deported to America after the defeat of the Stuarts in 1745. Although he is believed to have been born in Ireland, O'Donegan's place of birth and whereabouts before he arrived at Opelousas in 1785 are still unknown. His close association with McDaniel, and the fact that his son-in-law, William G. Knox, was born in Ireland, invite the hypothesis of a shared Irish background, but their association may have resulted from nothing more than neighborliness between fellow Anglos in a predominantly French settlement.

13. LSAR-Opelousas, July 27, 1789, Agreement between Noel LeVasseur and William Donegan. The document by Forstall refers to the act of partnership ("société") as having been passed before him. However, the partnership agreement has not yet come to light, if it survived.

14. LSAR-Opelousas, December 29, 1789, Noel LeVasseur v. Donegan. The complaint by LeVasseur recites that the arbitrators Gradenigo and LeJeune had pronounced their decree on July 26, 1789, and that it had been confirmed by Forstall. This decree also cannot be found.

Finally, LeVasseur asked the commandant to require O'Donegan to pay him for a bridle and two saddle-pads that O'Donegan had borrowed the preceding year, which he had then lost, in the amount of 15 *piastres* plus 4 *piastres* for the interest. Forstall ordered O'Donegan to reply; but O'Donegan's response, if any, has not survived.

The final surviving O'Donegan document is a mortgage by O'Donegan of May 5, 17190,<sup>15</sup> perhaps consequent to financial demands resulting from dissolution of the partnership with LeVasseur. By this document, William O'Donegan (signing as "Will<sup>m</sup> O'Donegan")<sup>16</sup> acknowledges that he owes 240 *piastres* to Hilaire Boutté, wholesale merchant of the Opelousas post and of New Orleans, and that he has agreed to pay it on December 1st of that year, jointly bound with Jacques LaFleur of the Opelousas post; and he grants a general mortgage in favor of LaFleur, to secure his payment of that debt, of all his goods, which are described as consisting of his ten-arpent-front habitation (grant, farm) in Grand Prairie, bound by Henri Fontenot on one side and Jacques LaFleur on the other, together with all the buildings and enclosures ("clotures"), his blacksmith shop with all his tools, and ten horned cattle and two horses.

The surviving Spanish documentation, as noted, shows only that O'Donegan had acquired a ten-arpent frontage by depth of forty arpents in the Grand Prairie district. Nevertheless, as later American title confirmations show, he had actually acquired rather substantial landholdings. Before noting them, however, some mention should be made of events occurring before and after O'Donegan's death.

In 1806, his oldest daughter, Eleanor (Helene), married William Grogan Knox, a native of Dublin, Ireland.<sup>17</sup> Knox was a blacksmith in O'Donegan's smithy.<sup>18</sup> Shortly after the marriage, O'Donegan gave Eleanor a 400-arpent tract (from Chatagnier Street and south of Main Street, to midway the western city limits of modern-day Ville Platte), apparently including the site of Donegan's business establishment. She and her husband sold the tract two or three years later to Samuel Laughlin, and after Laughlin's death in 1823, his mother and sole heir sold this tract to Marcellin Garand and Pierre Guillory.<sup>19</sup>

William O'Donegan died in 1809-1810,<sup>20</sup> as is corroborated by the enumeration in the 1810 St. Landry census of a household headed by the "Widow Donegan."<sup>21</sup> His St. Landry Parish estate proceedings were opened in January 1812.<sup>22</sup> By these proceedings, the 800-arpent (20 arpents by 40 arpents) "plantation and last residence of said deceased in the Grand Prairie of

15. LSAR-Opelousas, May 5, 1790, Mortgage from William O'Donegan in favor of Hilaire Boutté of New Orleans. (The actual inscription on the original document is "Hypothèque du Sr. O'Donegan en faveur du Sr. Jacques LaFleur 1790" (Emphasis added).

16. O'Donegan's signature, "Will<sup>m</sup> O'Donegan", on this 1790 document is firm and clear, apparently that of a literate man. On January 2, 1806, O'Donegan's signature on his claim for American confirmation of his Ville Platte land (see note 23) shows a shaky and less certain signature (perhaps the result of illness or old age), and a slightly different spelling: "Will<sup>m</sup> O'Donegan."

17. Opelousas church, marriage of William Grogan Knox and Helene Dunneagan, Feb. 8, 1806, volume 1, p. 155.

18. Smith, "William O'Donegan," 9.

19. *Ibid.*

20. Deposition of Anthony Corkran, March 5, 1812, states that O'Donegan had died two or three years before. ASLP, II, 112. See note 12.

21. 1810 United States census of Louisiana, Opelousas County (St. Landry Parish), p. 325.

22. Estate of William O'Donegan, Sr., Probate Docket No. 35 (1812), Clerk of Court's Office, St. Landry Parish Courthouse, Opelousas, La.

Opelousas" was sold to William G. Knox, the decedent's son-in-law. By its description of neighbors, it was the land comprising most of present-day Ville Platte west of Chatagnier street and south of Main Street, and it was part of the 1,200-arpent tract on a branch of Bayou Cannes to which the "Heirs and legal reps. of William O'Donnaghan" received confirmation of American title on March 5, 1812.<sup>23</sup> By supplementary estate proceedings of 1830, William O'Donagan's 1,200-arpent tract at Bayou Chicot (see note 13) was sold at public auction, with the purchaser again being William Knox, O'Donagan's son-in-law.<sup>24</sup>

O'Donagan's 1812 estate proceedings show that his daughter Eleanore (Knox) survived him, and that guardians were appointed for his three surviving minor children (Michael, Mary, and William). This indicates that O'Donagan's fifth child, Daniel, b. 1799, had died as a boy. Michael, btzd. 1796, died in 1817 at the habitation of Major Jesse Machall (McCall) in the neighboring Attakapas (St. Martin) County,<sup>25</sup> without known marriage or descendants. Likewise, William, btzd. 1800, is shown to have died unmarried and without descendants. William O'Donagan's 1830 supplementary estate shows that, by then, only William's widow ("Mary Sharpes") and two daughters (Eleanor, btzd. 1792, wife of William Knox; and Mary, btzd. 1796, described as the "widow of Joseph Bonner") had survived him as claimants to his property.<sup>26</sup> Eleanor herself died, childless, on November 30, 1829, leaving everything by will to her husband, William Knox.<sup>27</sup>

Of O'Donagan's children, only Mary left descendants. She was married in 1817 at the New Iberia mission of the St. Martinville church to Joseph Bonner, a native of Mississippi Territory;<sup>28</sup> she was denoted as the "widow Bonner" in her father's 1830 estate and in her

23. ASP, II, 856, Certificate B-1920 issued March 5, 1812, to "Heirs and legal reps. of William O'Donnaghan." The records of the State Land Office (see note 12) show that surveys were made of this tract (described as containing 1,015.53 acres) in 1805 and 1811, and contain a claim paper signed by O'Donagan. See note 18. The notes on these records show that the tract to which the O'Donagan heirs' American title was confirmed as Section 50, Township 4 South, Range 2 East. The 1806 claim papers contain an extract from a deposition by John McDaniel that O'Donagan had moved onto the 1,200-arpent tract in 1795, having purchased it from W. Boldsoré, who had first improved it five years previously. McDaniel states that "when the claimant [O'Donagan] moved on the land there was a framed house in which he [Boldsoré] lived four or five years." In the General Land Office private claims records, National Archives, Washington, D. C., by Serial Patent File 1003366 (Baton Rouge 011632), a patent was belatedly in 1927 issued to the land, upon request of an attorney for a successor in title, with the explanation that, although O'Donagan's title had been approved much earlier, issuance of the title was suspended in 1820 for want of a township plat.

In the *Attakapas Gazette*, XX (Spring, 1985), 52, is reproduced a survey map of Township 4 South, Range 2 East, in which is depicted O'Donagan's 1,200-arpent tract (Section 50) as immediately south of a 400-arpent tract patented to Samuel Laughlin and Cesar Hanchet (Section 20), who operated a smith and leather shop across the Opelousas-Alexandria road from O'Donagan, see text at note 2.

The records at the State Land Office of the Laughlin-Hanchet claim, Certificate B-1998, show that this 10-arpent by 40-arpent (336.81 acre) tract was originally part of a 40 by 40 arpent tract obtained by Boldsoré by request, of which 30 by 40 arpents (1,200 arpents) had been confirmed to O'Donagan by B-1920. A deposition of May 23, 1807 by Andrew Rhyon states that Laughlin had moved on the tract in 1801 or so, having purchased it from Anthony Corking, who had himself purchased it "of a trenchman [i. e., Boldsoré] who had made a settlement there some time before by permission of the Spanish government." Rhyon described the improvements as of 1802 on the land as "a dwelling house, a Blacksmith shop, an enclosed Pasture of six or seven acres, and about an acre and three-quarters in the cultivation of Potatoes & Turnips," and further averred that in 1803, the following year, Laughlin had cultivated a crop of corn on the land.

24. Estate of William O'Donagan, Probate Docket No. 511 (1830), Clerk of Court's Office, St. Landry Parish Courthouse.

25. St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church, St. Martinville, La., Book 4, No. 1147.

26. See estate citation in note 24.

27. Estate of Eleanor O'Donagan, Probate Docket No. 560 (May, 1831), Clerk of Court's Office, St. Landry Parish Courthouse; Estate of Eleanor O'Donagan, Probate Docket No. 582 (Dec., 1831), Clerk of Court's Office, St. Landry Parish Courthouse.

28. St. Martin de Tours Church, St. Martinville, Old Acts, Folio F., No. 113.

mother's 1835 estate (in which she is shown as the only surviving O'Donegan heir, with her brothers and sisters predeceased without descendants).<sup>29</sup> Although Mary had no known children by Bonner, two children were born to her, father unshown, and baptized in the Opelousas church, prior to her marriage to Bonner: Helene (Eleanore) O'Donigan, b. December 27, 1811 (who married and had children); and William O'Donegan, b. April 14, 1814 (who never appears again in the records, so far as can be ascertained).<sup>30</sup> Mary's daughter, Eleanore O'Donegan married (1) Nathan Sargent in 1826, by whom she had three children (two of whom, William, b. 1827, and Julien, b. 1829), survived beyond infancy); and (2) Jonathan Harris in 1835, some four years after Nathan's death. From this second marriage there were no known children.<sup>31</sup> The O'Donegan name thus disappeared from the Opelousas records, since William's only known descendants stem from his granddaughter Eleanore (II) O'Donegan's marriage to Nathan Sargent.

During the Spanish period, William O'Donegan had acquired rather substantial landholdings. Reference has already been made to a 400-arpent tract acquired by him in the Grand Prairie district in 1785, his first appearance in surviving Opelousas post colonial documents.<sup>32</sup> However, the successful efforts by his heirs to secure confirmation of American title show acquisition of far more extensive holdings. As noted earlier, his acquisition of 1,200 arpents in the Ville Platte area was confirmed to his heirs in American title,<sup>33</sup> as well as his acquisition of 1,200 arpents in the Bayou Chicot area.<sup>34</sup> The Chicot property was used by O'Donegan as a *vacherie*, or cattle ranch, while on the Ville Platte acreage he maintained his residence and his smithy and ironworks. On the Grand Prairie acreage, as indicated by his 1790 lawsuit with Noel LeVasseur above-described, O'Donegan also raised crops of corn and sweet potatoes.

The American land-claim records reveal that his heirs also received confirmation of his title to 400 arpents of land on Bayou Boeuf in Rapides Parish,<sup>35</sup> as well as to 320 arpents

29. Estate of Mary Sharp, widow of O'Donegan, Probate Docket No. 637 (Dec., 1837), Clerk of Court's Office, St. Landry Parish Courthouse. However, although Mary was denoted there as the "widow Bonner", as she also was in the supplementary William O'Donegan estate proceedings (see note 23), it is quite possible that this was not because Bonner had died, but because they were permanently separated; for in proceedings filed in the Probate Docket No. 582 of her sister Eleanor Knox, cited in note 24, Mary in 1831 was described as the "wife of Joseph Bonner, deceased." In an act dated July 13, 1847, and recorded in East Feliciana Parish (La.), July 16, 1847, Mary and her daughter Eleanore (II) acquired from Jonathan Harris a lot in Port Hudson, La.

30. Baptism of Helene Dunnigan (Eleanore O'Donegan), Opelousas church, volume 1, p. 571; Baptism of William O'Donegan, Opelousas church, volume 2, p. 76.

31. The documentation from Opelousas church, St. Landry civil, and census records is set forth in the articles on Mary Sharp by Kyng, cited in note 9 above.

32. See text at note 4.

33. See text at note 24.

34. See text at note 13.

35. ASP, volume 2, p. 824, Certificate B-763, issued June 8, 1811 to "Heirs of and widow O'Donegan," for 400 arpents of land on Bayou Boeuf in Rapides Parish, based on title of Thomas Thompson by virtue of a requete and permission to settle. When O'Donegan's wife, Mary Sharp, died and her estate was opened in 1837, her son-in-law (Jonathan Harris, Eleanor II's husband by her second marriage) stated that her estate consisted only of three hundred dollars cash and an uncertain claim to a tract in Rapides Parish. Estate of Mary Sharp (widow of O'Donegan), Probate Docket No. 637 (1837), Clerk of Court's Office, St. Landry Parish.

(arpents frontage by forty arpents in depth), acquired by him in 1796, at the Grant Woods of the lower part of Bayou Teche in the Attakapas District.<sup>36</sup> The uses he made of these tracts are presently unknown. We may suppose that his son Michael and his daughter Mary went to live on the Attakapas land, but this is only a supposition.

In yet another land claim, the claimant said that, previously, O'Donegan had been the first cultivator of an 80-arpent tract (2-arpents frontage by 40-arpents depth) on the Bayou Petite Passes area.<sup>37</sup> The affidavit indicates that O'Donegan had cultivated this tract, some four miles or so northeast of Ville Platte, from 1799-1805, which was later possessed by Henry Fontenot. No other record of O'Donegan's alleged acquisition or occupancy of land at this location has survived.

William O'Donegan is an important figure in the history of the Ville Platte area. Around his smithy and ironworks grew the trade center that blossomed into the Ville Platte settlement. That later municipality was for the most part situated on lands acquired by him in Spanish times. The sketchy surviving records are sufficient to emphasize his activity as a skilled iron worker and artisan, an important and essential craft for a frontier community. Surviving documents show him to be literate. O'Donegan's land acquisitions after his arrival in the Opelousas area in 1785 may indicate that, as with other Anglo pioneers, he came to an area of French-speaking settlers in a Spanish colony because of the greater opportunity to acquire land land standing than he had had in the English-speaking lands he left.

Yet nothing has been found concerning O'Donegan's activities before he arrived in the Opelousas Grand Prairie area in 1785, widowed, and with enough capital to purchase land and cattle. From his name and other indications (see note 13) we can suppose an Irish birth. Even this, however, is not definitely indicated on any surviving record, and he may have been born in a North American English colony. The prior husband (Frederick Ruhl) of O'Donegan's Louisiana-married wife (Mary "Sharp") was also an ironworker, in Pennsylvania, and it has been supposed that O'Donegan had first met her there, but no corroboration has been found. No trace of O'Donegan has yet been found in indexes to records of British West Florida; the Spanish Natchez, Baton Rouge, Mobile, and Pensacola districts; the 1778 Spanish census of New Orleans; nor the civil records of Spanish colonial St. Charles and St. John the Baptist parishes.

Whatever the reasons of personal advancement or escape from religious persecution led O'Donegan to settle there, the Ville Platte area was fortunate to acquire in its infancy this

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In Louisiana Private Land Claim 3427 ("William O'Donegan"), General Land Office, National Archives, Washington, D. C., the record contains notation that a certificate on the 8-763 claim was issued to the legal representatives of William O'Donegan for 159.22 acres on Bayou Boeuf in Rapides Parish, locating the land on May 12, 1849 as 126.12 acres in Section 47, Township 2 North, Range 1 West, and as 32.92 acres in Section 71, Township 3 North, Range 1 West. Reference to the township plats of Townships 2 and 3 North, Range 1 West, indicates that the tract patented had its 10-arpent frontage on both sides of the Bayou Robert branch of Bayou Boeuf, apparently extending initially about 20 arpents in depth on both sides of the bayou. With the destruction of the Rapides Parish land records during the Civil War, it has not been possible to ascertain what happened to the land after it was patented to the O'Donegan heirs.

36. ASP, volume 13, pp. 121, 147, Report of land commissioners dated May 1, 1815 on William O'Donegan land claim (report no. 1211, register no. 7). The land is described as bounded on one side by Francois Bronde and on the other by John McLaughlin. The commissioners were of the opinion that a valid title had been approved, despite lack of proof of occupancy, and further noted: "The death of the claimant has been suggested, and it is known to the Board that he left a widow and several children in necessitous circumstances." No further trace has been found of validation of American title to this tract.

37. ASP, volume 3, p. 217, Rejected claim by Augustine Berza of land bought by Prather at sheriff's sale; affidavit of Jean LaFleur, age 40, dated March 19, 1814, that land had been cultivated for fifteen years preceding that date, first by O'Donegan for six years, then by Henry Fontenot for two years, etc.

skilled artisan. Through his enterprise and ability he founded what became the trade center that eventually became the municipality of Ville Platte. Though William O'Donegan apparently died in financially straitened circumstances, he left as his legacy the founding of the Ville Platte community.<sup>38</sup>

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### Addendum to the Joseph Carr Story

Along with her gratitude for information on her ancestor, Nancy Carr Royce of Harlingen, Texas, has sent the following details and corrections to the article "Berwick, Forstall, and Carr: New Iberia's First Industry"; which appeared in the Summer 1985 issue of *Attakapas Gazette*:<sup>1</sup>

"Joseph Carr was the son of Hugh Carr and Margaret Siddons Foster. Born in 1752, I believe he was in New Orleans in 1774, listed single, living on St. Louis St., occupation, tanner.

"As mentioned, he married Nancy White Harmon in 1794. Their children were William Carr, born Feb. 22, 1795, and Marie Lucinda Carr, born April 16, 1797. Their births and baptisms are listed in the records of St. Martin de Tours Church in St. Martinville.<sup>2</sup>

"William Carr married Nancy Lee in 1816<sup>3</sup> and migrated to Jefferson County, Texas, in 1827, with his half-brothers and many other Anglo-American families from that part of Louisiana.

"Nancy White Harmon Carr Burrell Hampshire came to Texas and obtained a land grant in McLennan County as the Widow Burrell."

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1. We always appreciate hearing from our readers whenever they can give additional information or correct any errors set forth in articles in this magazine. Our foremost interest is to give historical facts as we can find them and to record them accurately.

2. These births are recorded in the St. Martinville church under the surname "Car." Donald J. Hébert, comp., *Southwest Louisiana Records*, 29 vols. (Eunice, La., 1975), I, 112. The Children were, indeed, the children of Joseph Carr and Nancy White and not those of Carr by a former marriage.

3. This marriage is not recorded. This Nancy Lee may have been a sister of Peter Lee who claimed land on the east side of Bayou Vermilion above the land of the White family. Peter Lee's daughter, Nancy, married Thomas Milburn, another neighbor of the White family, Aug. 3, 1824. *Ibid.*, II, 585.



Submitted by Keith Fontenot

State of Louisiana  
Parish of St Landry

This Indenture made the eighteenth day of July in the Year one thousand eight hundred and Eighty Witsnesseth, That for and in Consideration of the sum of eight hundred and forty dollars which Daniel Ferguson has paid into the hands of Susan Spencer of the State of Louisiana and Parish of Rapides to release from a former indenture of servitude a free negro man named William Brown of the State of New York, the said William Brown free negro as aforesaid hath bound and put himself servant to the said Daniel Ferguson of the Parish of Saint Landry to serve him as a slave from the day of the date of these presents until the full end and term of fifty years, during all which time the said William Brown shall well and faithfully serve his said master, <sup>his heirs &c.</sup> and that honestly and obediently in all things as a good and faithful servant ought to do — and the said Daniel Ferguson during the said term shall find and provide for the said William Brown sufficient meat cloathing &c. suitable for a slave. — In Witsness whereof the said Daniel Ferguson has hereunto signed and the said William Brown also by making a mark not knowing how to write in presence of the subscribing witsnesses and before George King Parish Judge of the aforesaid Parish of Saint Landry at Opelousas of the day and year above written. —

his heirs &amp;c. intended before signing

William <sup>by</sup> Brown Seal  
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